



Club rules & Code of Conduct 2024/2025

CLUB RULES/CONSTITUTION

As recommended by The Football Association

1 Name

The club shall be called "Atletico Trotters Youth Football Club" and shall be affiliated to the Essex County Football Association.

2 Objects

Its objects shall be to provide association football for its members and such social and recreation pursuits as may be deemed desirable by the Committee.

3 Officers

The Officers shall consist of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Welfare Officer(s) all of whom shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

4 Committee

The Club shall be controlled by a General Committee consisting of the Officers and any other members who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

The General Committee shall meet once per quarter and the proceedings at such meetings shall be duly recorded in a Minute Book. At meetings of the General Committee 4 Members shall form a Quorum.

5 Powers of Committees

The Property and/or assets of the Club shall be vested in the General Committee.

The General Committee shall have power to appoint such Sub-Committees as may from time to time be deemed necessary and shall receive reports of such Sub-Committees at its meetings.

The General Committee shall have the power to suspend or expel any member deemed guilty of conduct prejudicial to the good name of the Club.

The General Committee shall have power to fill such vacancies as may arise in its constitution between Annual General Meetings.

The General Committee shall have power to declare a seat vacant should a member absent himself from 3 consecutive meetings without any explanation deemed to be satisfactory.

A register of members of the Club and the date of election shall be kept by the Secretary.

In the event of non-payment of subscription by the last day in September, membership shall be deemed to be terminated.

A member wishing to resign shall give notice to this effect in writing to the Secretary, such notice to be accompanied by payment of all outstanding Club dues at that date.

6 Subscription

The Annual Subscription to the Club shall be:-

Playing Members £190

Subscriptions should be paid in full no later than the 30th September 2024

Once the fee has been paid for the year no refunds will be given.

7 Annual Meeting

The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than the last day in June in each year. The Chairman or Secretary shall give seven clear days' notice of such Meetings to all members, at which 4 members shall form a Quorum.

The Financial Statement and Secretary's Report shall be received by the Meeting which will also elect the Officers and General Committee by ballot, appoint auditors and transact any other business.

8 Extraordinary General Meeting

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened by the General Committee when deemed desirable and also upon the written request of 4 members.

The Secretary shall give seven clear days' notice to all members of such a Meeting, at which 4 members shall form a Quorum.

9 Finance

The General Committee shall cause to be kept proper set of accounts which shall be audited yearly. Official receipts for all monies received shall be signed by the Treasurer.

10 Alteration to the Rules

No alteration to these Rules shall be made except at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting convened for that purpose and only if supported by 4 of those present and voting at such a Meeting.

Notice of proposed alteration to these Rules must be given in writing to the Secretary by the last day in April in each year, and notified to members on notice of Meeting.

11 Other Business

Any matters not governed by the foregoing Rules shall be dealt with by the General Committee, the decision of which body shall be final and binding.

(Note: It may be found necessary to amend or add to these Rules to meet specific local circumstances.)

Kits

Kits are owned by the club and loaned out to players on receipt of their registration fees.

Any damaged or lost items should be replaced by the loanee or will be billed by the club

Kits should be returned at the end of every season, Including training wear.



Young Players

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

As a player, you have a big part to play. That's why The FA is asking every player to follow a Respect Code of Conduct.

When playing football, I will:

- 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.

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 may:

- 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.

In addition:

- My club, County FA or The FA 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.



Spectators and Parents/Carers

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.

Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for spectators and parents/carers at all times.

I will:

- 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, league or The FA:

I may be:

- Issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official
- Required to meet with the club, league or County FA 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.

In addition:

- The FA/County FA could impose a fine and/ or suspension on the club.



Coaches, Team Managers and Club Officials

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

In The FA's survey of 37,000 grassroots participants, behaviour was the biggest concern in the game.

This included

the abuse of match officials and the unacceptable behaviour of over competitive parents, spectators and coaches on the sideline.

Play your part and observe The Football Association's Respect Code of Conduct in everything you do.

On and off the field, I will:

- Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators
- Adhere to the laws and spirit of the game
- Promote Fair Play and high standards of behaviour
- Always respect the match official's decision
- Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission
- Never engage in public criticism of the match officials
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.

When working with players, I will:

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning
- Explain exactly what I expect of players and what they can expect from me
- Ensure all parents/carers of all players under the age of 18 understand these expectations
- Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying
- Develop mutual trust and respect with every player to build their self-esteem
- Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance
- Ensure all activities I organise are appropriate for the players' ability level, age and maturity
- Cooperate fully with others in football (e.g. officials, doctors, physiotherapists, welfare officers) for each player's best interests.

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club,

County FA, league or The FA:

- Required to meet with the club, league or County Welfare Officer
- Required to meet with the club committee
- Monitored by another club coach
- Required to attend an FA education course
- Suspended by the club from attending matches
- Suspended or fined by the County FA
- Required to leave or be sacked by the club.

In addition:

- My FACA (FA Coaches Association) membership may be withdrawn.