



Abbeymead Rovers Football Club



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CLUB** ★ ★ ★
PART OF ENGLAND FOOTBALL

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Attendance Policy

As a Grassroots Football Club Abbeymead Rovers is committed to our Club Vision, which is providing enjoyable, affordable, safe and inclusive football for all. Our Club Core Values which are being inclusive, respectful and honest and our Club Mission which is to teach football skills in a safe and fun environment. We also strive to ensure that our members play fair and respect their Peers, Officials, Coaches and Spectators. We do not tolerate any form of bullying.

Our Club provides skills development and non-competitive play up to Under 11 and competitive play from Under 12. We are dedicated to promoting sportsmanship and a positive team culture.

Building these skills necessitates a level of commitment from each player who chooses to join Abbeymead Rovers. Football is a team sport that requires commitment from each player to develop their ability, their physical and mental toughness and their team player attitude.

In non-competitive football it is recognised that children have not yet chosen their preferred sport and may be involved in multiple sports during the football season. However, in competitive football, dedication to the team and to the sport becomes more important not only for personal development as a player, but also to their team.

To facilitate this, Abbeymead Rovers have implemented an Attendance Policy aimed at requiring a progressive and improving level of dedication from each player during their non competitive period and into competitive football. Playing time will ultimately be driven by the following:

NB (Ability to play at the level the team have achieved is also a factor when determining playing time, however this is not within the remit of this policy).

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Players who miss training and/or games or who are routinely late or leave early without informing the Lead Coach beforehand can expect their playing time in games to be reduced, perhaps significantly.

Effort

Players who are disruptive, do not follow the Coaching Teams' directions, are unsportsmanlike, disrespectful or do not try hard at training can expect their playing time in games to be reduced, perhaps significantly.

Commitment

It is our Club's expectation that each player progressively increases their commitment to football and to their team throughout non-competitive football and on into competitive football.

If a player is late or absent 50% of the time during a month without communication from a parent/carer then the Lead Coach will ascertain that their commitment level is not to the required standard.

If a player has been late or absent 50% of the time during a month and there *has* been communication from a Parent/Carer, the Lead Coach will be able to ascertain whether the lateness/absence is justifiable. A justified reason may vary for each child and could be, but is not limited to illness, injury, holiday, a family matter or a school activity.

Should this scenario occur a second time, without an acceptable reason being given by the parent/carer, then a communication will be issued from the Coaching Team to the parent/carer. A third occurrence will result in the player being de registered. These do not have to be consecutive months.

If a Lead Coach can see a player is missing training sessions regularly and then attending matches, they have the right to de select that player for a match. If this pattern continues the Lead Coach reserves the right to de register the player. This can apply even if there has been communication from the Parent/Carer, and the Lead Coach may choose to speak to the Executive Committee for their backing on the decision made.

The Lead Coach reserves the right to de register a player following consultation with the parent/carer.

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