Skerries Town FC Park Lane Skerries



Parents Welcome Pack

Thank you for registering your child & becoming a member of Skerries Town FC.

The club has been in existence in one form or another since 1932 & has a rich and varied history. The current club came into existence in 1990 when a senior adult team and a junior schoolboy team decided to pool their resources and work for the betterment of football in Skerries and played its first game in 1991.

The club was setup on a COMMUNITY basis, that is, **open to all** and currently runs a Kids Academy for 4-7 year olds, numerous schoolboy/ girl teams from under 9 to under 18, a Girls Academy, several adult senior teams; including over35s and our most recent addition our Football For All program, for kids with intellectual / physical disabilities.

We are a club run by its members for its members but we acknowledge we are part of a greater community in Skerries

Our Ethos is based on the premise that "Everyone Plays".

So what's next? Now the fun begins

Each child will be registered with an age appropriate team which will be allocated a coach & assistant to look after the team for the forthcoming football season & we will arrange a compulsory League PHOTO ID for your child.

Jerseys are supplied by the club & issued to team managers We are putting in a place a new club wide kit policy, which will mean all players being kitted out in the same club gear & we hope to have this in early 2017 Important; for kids to play matches they MUST have Green Shorts, Green Socks, Football Boots & Shin Guards.

Each week's activities are as follows:

		March - October	October - March
Training	Tuesdays	Mill Pitches	All Weather @ Community Centre
Training	Thursdays	Mill Pitches	All Weather @ Community Centre
Match u9 - u11	Saturdays	Mill Pitches	Home & Away
Match u12 - u18	Sundays	Mill or Mourn View pitches	Home & Away

Each team collects a **weekly sub** to cover its running costs for the season; this will be worked out by your manager, based on the number of kids in the team & is usually between €5-€8 to cover the cost of Referee Fees, All Weather pitch hire, additional gear/ clothing etc.

To avoid embarrassment for parents & coach, please ensure subs are paid each week, your cooperation is appreciated

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Do's

Have fun

The reason you and your child are there is to have fun. No trophy, medal or team is more important. This applies to all levels of soccer. Even professional players say they couldn't do it if they didn't enjoy it.

Get Involved

Parents should not hesitate to participate and get involved in practices and games. Let the coach or team manager know that you would like to help.

Play with your kids

Soccer is a great opportunity for you to spend time with your kids. Children love it when you play with them. You can have fun and learn the skills with your child. It's a great way to get away from the TV and video games.

Sportsmanship

Set a good example. Sportsmanship is not only for the players and coaches; it's also for the parents. The referee and the parents on the other team are not your enemies.

Provide a Healthy Example

You can help provide a healthy example by not smoking or drinking alcohol at games. If you have to smoke, leave the park to do so.

Talk to the Coach

Communicate with the coach. If you have any ideas or problems talk with the coach. It's important to be constructive and know what you want to say.

Encourage your child to talk to the coach if he or she feels they are having difficulty with some aspect of the game. The coach is the best person to talk to if a player wants to improve.

Talk to the Club

If you would like to help out generally or even become a coach, talk to us.

If you're having ANY difficulties that you cannot resolve with your child's coach, talk to us, any member of the committee or our club secretary's will be happy to help & assist.



Dont's

Focus on mistakes

Try not to focus on the player's mistakes. The coach and player's worst nightmare is the screamer. These are the parents who complain about everything; yell at their child and the referee

Let the coach, coach!

<u>Leave the coaching to the coach</u>. Yelling out instructions from the sideline can be very confusing and frustrating for the players. It doesn't mean that the ideas you have are wrong. It just means that screaming them from the side-line doesn't help and it may conflict with the coach's plans.

Let the coach motivate players

Let the coach motivate the players. Don't offer incentives or rewards to your child for playing well. Kids can psyche themselves up for a game.

Don't criticise the referee

No matter how wise your enlightened comments may seem, try not to criticize the referee. Talk to the coach. Always communicate to the referee through the coach.

Avoid public conflicts

Avoid public conflicts over strategy or techniques with the coach. No matter how urgent they seem, these are things that need to be discussed and implemented at training, not during the game.

Winning & Losing

You should not tell your child that the win or the loss of a game was the responsibility of any player, referee, coach, field or weather condition. Soccer is a team sport; you win and lose together.

Encourage everyone

When cheering, try to encourage your child & any team member when they try something new or different or succeed at something.

Avoid conflicts with other parents

The other team's parents are there to watch their kids play too. You are not part of the game and neither are the other team's parents. Don't get into a shouting match with the other team's parents over things that happen in the game.

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The following are behaviour guidelines for all Club parents at training sessions & matches;

- Everyone, coaches, parents, players and spectators, will respect the decisions of the match day officials, without exception.
 Without them we have NO game.
- Parents <u>must not coach</u> from the side-line during matches or training. Doing so may cause distraction, confusion & erode your child's confidence and undermine the coaches plans
- 3. Do not criticise opponents or their parents.
- 4. Support ALL the players in your team. Do not criticise anyone. Remember children don't mean to make mistakes.
- 5. Parents, be your child's best fan, support them unconditionally and always focus on the positive aspects of their game.
- 6. Parents develop a responsibility in your child to make sure they have the correct gear ready for training or matches, such as shin pads, boots, correct jersey and that they have a water bottle.
- 7. Parents & spectators *must not enter* the field of play.
- 8. Players should be encouraged to speak with the coach if they are having difficulties in training or games.
- 9. Do not criticise your child's coach to your child or other parents. If you are not happy with the coach you should raise the issue with the coach or club.
- 10. Please remember the game is for the children. It is not for the glory of the coaches/ managers or parents.

<u>Parents MUST inform their child's coach by text; email or phone call; if they cannot attend training sessions or matches.</u>

It is very important that coaches know who is available to play matches at the weekend, if a child is unavailable please let your coach know asap.

If a game is called off at the last minute because of insufficient players, the team is FINED by the league; if the team misses 3 games it will be removed from the league.

Attendance records will be kept by all teams & the club reserves the right to revoke membership where parent/ player are not showing a commitment to their team.

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What to do if you are having any problems!

It is very important that any issues/ problems are raise with the coach immediately, who will work to resolve the problem as quickly as possible.

If an issue cannot be resolved with your child's coach, whether it's about your child, the team or the coach or you feel the problem is being ignored or not dealt with, please feel free to contact of our Head Coach or Club Secretaries.

Any formal complaints must be addressed to the Club Secretary

Head Coach: "Red" Jamaldine: email: rdnjamaldine@yahoo.ie

Club Secretary: Pat McDermott 087 6970403 email: SkerriesTownFcSec@gmail.com

Fixture Secretary under9s - under11: Paul Broomer: 086 1554567:

Fixture Secretary under12s - under18s: Dave Stewart: 086 1640329

Child Welfare

Skerries Town FC takes its child welfare obligations very seriously & was one of the first clubs to implement Garda Vetting for all volunteers & coaches

If you have ANY concerns in relation to Child Welfare,

please contact our Child Welfare Officer in the strictest confidence

Contact: Pat McDermott;

Ph: 087-6970403

email: SkerriesTownCWO@gmail.com

NDSL SEASON 2016 - 2017

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The North Dublin Schoolboy/ Girl League (NDSL) has taken the decision to change its playing season for 2017 to a Calendar Year / Summer season.

This is a massive change for kids/ junior football in Ireland & hopefully will provide a more enjoyable environment for kids to play & develope; warm days, bright evenings & playable pitches

Season Changes:

2016: SHORTENED SEASON: Sept - Dec

2017: NEW SEASON: March - November with 6 week break in July/August.

For 2016/2017 we will be registering players from Aug 2016 - Dec 2017 to reflect the League changes & there will be a corresponding **one-off** change to our registration fees to include a supplementary fee to cover both seasons during this changeover, a total of 16months.

7/9 Aside (u9-u12) fee: Total €150: Aug payment €100, balance €50 payable <u>before</u> Feb 2017 11 Aside (u13-u18) fee: Total €180: Aug payment €120, balance €60 payable <u>before</u> Feb 2017 Family (2+ players) fee: Total €260: Aug payment €170, balance €90 payable <u>before</u> Feb 2017

Our next Registration Date will be in Jan/Feb 2018.