

# Starcross Dons Youth F.C



## Playing Policy

### Aim of the Policy

The principal aim of Starcross Dons Youth F.C (hereafter referred to as 'the club' is to provide a safe environment for youth footballers from the surrounding area to play football regardless of ability.

'The club' is run as grassroots club and will not select players on ability.

The Football Association (FA) ethos is that children playing youth football at the foundation stage (5 years to 11 years old) should be having fun and should be coached holistically to ensure development in all areas (Social, Physical & Psychological) and not just the technical aspect of the game.

From years 12-18 the youth teams will experience the competitive side of football and competition, to help them appreciate the team environment and squad system.

This policy aims to ensure that all youths playing for the club experience quality training which aims to develop the individual as well as the team. It will be the responsibility of the Manager/Coach to determine the readiness of any player to participate in match play.

### Our Club Promise

We will provide every youth player the opportunity and platform to train on a regular basis. Each child who has been training on a regular basis will receive the opportunity to play at least 10 games per season (relevant to his/her age group). The games may well be spread out across the season and may include part of half games. The player will be included in the starting line up for at least 50% of the games.

All substitutes taken to a game will be used. The Manager/Coach will do their best to ensure that this is for as long as possible and as an absolute minimum will be more than 10 minutes.

### Waiting Lists and Ratios

The FA recommends a ratio 11 Children per 1 adult, for training & games. Whilst we wish to encourage everyone to attend training sessions as appropriate to the children age group, it may be

necessary to operate a waiting list where the afore mentioned ratio cannot be met. Priority on the waiting list will be given to 'Local children'.

## 'Local Children'

The definition of 'local' in ensuring there are enough openings in squads shall be:

Children or youths who live in or attend school in Starcross, Kenton, Corkwood or Dawlish.

If team managers have insufficient numbers from 'local' children, they may widen the search criteria to the wider area but the underpinning belief of the club is that priority will always be given to 'local children'

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# RESPECT

**GOOD BEHAVIOUR MAKES FOR A GREAT GAME**