



Newsletter, 22nd July 2020
From The Committee of Thackley Juniors

Dear Coaches and Parents,

We hope you and your families are well and welcome to the latest Thackley Juniors newsletter. It's a bumper edition so make sure you read to the end, and there is some very exciting news in there too.....read on for more details.

Return to Training

The Committee has been assessing the most recent guidance from the Government and Football Association about the protocols needed to enable a safe return to training. These have been relaxed since the last newsletter was issued so training groups can now be larger, and social distancing doesn't have to be observed at all times.

During a meeting held on 20th July, the Committee voted unanimously to return to training at the earliest possible date. To give sufficient time to pull together PPE packs for all coaches, the following was agreed:

SUMMER TRAINING FOR ALL AGE GROUPS WILL RE-START WITH EFFECT FROM MONDAY 3RD AUGUST

The following are very important points for parents to be aware of – these are taken directly from FA guidance and will need to be fully complied with in order for your child to participate in training:

- Parents must provide consent for their child to participate in training – it's likely that we will need you provide this via your WhatsApp parents group
- To adhere to track and trace protocols we will need to know the name of anyone who attends training and their contact number – details of how this will done will be communicated via your WhatsApp parents group
- Parents will need to confirm that anyone attending training has been checked for Covid-19 symptoms - coaches will be required to keep a record of these Covid self-assessments
- Children must come to training wearing the clothes they will train in
- Children must come to training with their own water bottle, clearly marked with their name
- Children must come to training with their own hand sanitiser, clearly marked with their name
- Children must not swap equipment, so for example, if your child may want to go in goal please ensure they bring their own gloves
- If parents are spectating, they must observe social distancing guidelines at all times

Preparing your child for training

We're sure children will be super excited to see their coaches, friends and team mates again, but this excitement will also make the job of coaching more challenging. Coaches will have to follow a strict regime of sanitising before, during and after training which means there's more for them to think about than usual.

Parents could help massively by ensuring their children are aware that training will be a bit different to usual – e.g. social distancing still needs to be observed where possible, hand sanitising will take place regularly during the session and so on. If children are prepared for this, it will help ensure everyone stays safe and coaches can focus as much time as possible on making the session enjoyable for all.



Subs

As you will be aware subs were suspended in June and with the resumption of training The Committee has considered when subs will need to re-start in order to fund the club's football operations.

SUBS PAYMENTS WILL BE SUSPENDED IN JULY AND AUGUST AND WILL RE-START FROM SEPTEMBER.

If you have stopped your standing order please ensure it is set up again (sort code 20-11-81, account number 20679267, with the same payment reference as before), so payment can be made during September and each month thereafter.

We'd also like to reiterate our thanks to those who have continued to pay subs through the Covid crisis – it has been a huge help to the club.

Registration Forms

As mentioned in our newsletter from 10th June, it's approaching the time when we usually hold presentation evenings and arrange for paper registration forms to be completed for the next season. Social distancing means gathering together isn't possible right now so registrations forms will need to be completed online. You'll receive a communication from the club in the next couple of weeks so this can be done, together with instructions of how signing on fees will be collected.

Date for your Diary – Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Each year the club holds an AGM which is an opportunity for The Committee to share some details around club finances, plus it's when existing committee members are re-elected and new potential committee members or officers are nominated.

Due to continuing social distancing measures the AGM will be held on a Zoom video conference on Monday 7th September at 7.30pm. All coaches and parents are welcome to join and there is no requirement for you to speak or contribute so watching and listening is absolutely fine. We will send out the details you will need to access the meeting nearer the time.

WANTED! New committee members

There will be some members of The Committee not seeking re-election at the AGM so their valuable input will need to be replaced with new members for next season to ensure the club can continue to operate effectively. The Committee act as custodians of the club and also carry out key tasks so that Thackley Juniors can provide fun, rewarding and safe development for local children.

If you're interested in a position on the committee just reach out to a member of the committee or the coach of your child's team.

Thank you for your continued support and we can't wait to seeing children back at training in the next couple of weeks.

Wishing you all the very best,

Brenden, Claire, Jo, Laura, Lee D, Lee R, Mark, Mat and Ronnie