

Lowdham Colts Governance

Introduction

1. The recent trend from the FA to introduce more guidance, and the growing nature of the club has led to the wider consideration of the governance of the club.
2. The prime objective of the club is to enable children to learn to play and to enjoy playing competitive sports. This needs to be done within a structure which is becoming increasingly regulated
3. The main management body is the monthly managers meeting which a series of designated positions that managers are elected to on an annual basis
4. The governance then needs to be simple, straightforward and sufficient to provide the appropriate environment for players, parents, managers and spectators alike
5. Last season much time was spend on updating the Codes of Conduct, embracing the Child Protection developments and considering the FA Respect

Specifics

6. The basic framework for the club will be to comply with FA guidance, have its own code of Conduct and support the FA Respect codes of conduct
7. The Lowdham Colts Codes of Conduct were drawn up 8 years ago and were recently updated to include the key elements of the FA Respect Code.
 - a. These will be retained although it is recognised that over time some aspects could be split into a manager's handbook
 - b. The Codes of Conduct are implemented by the signing of the annual Registration and Medical forms where players / parents sign to say they will abide by the codes.
8. The Club will support the published FA Guidance which covers a large number of areas
9. The Club also supports the FA Respect Code of Conduct whilst adopting its own wider Codes of Conduct
10. The Club will also have a series of policies and procedures, in line with FA Guidance, which will be available on the Club website including
 - a. Child Protection Policy
 - b. Equality procedure
 - c. Complaints Procedure
 - d. Disciplinary procedure
 - e. Health & Safety Procedure
11. The Club website will be enhanced to have the ability to store downloadable files

Impact

12. The key changes that this means are the
 - a. The Codes of Conduct attached to the Registration form will be changed from the Respect codes to the Lowdham Colts code
 - b. The new policies will be ratified by the monthly managers meeting
 - c. The new codes and policies will be updated to the Club website