



Introduction & Mission Statement

Felixstowe & Walton Utd Football Club Junior Section, aims to develop the football and social skills of the children whilst promoting fun, teamwork and discipline within a well-structured coaching system employing best practice at all times. We want all players to play without fear and to be encouraged at all times



Club Ethos & Principles

Ethos of the club:

- To promote enjoyment and sportsmanship for all.
- To develop the skills and abilities of the individual child within a team environment.
- An expectation of good behaviour and respect to others
- Players to try their best & coaches to make the most of the children's abilities

The popularity of the club is reflected in the number of children who join us and then wish to remain with us. We provide an opportunity for children to get involved in football and then enjoy it to the best of their ability with all the fringe benefits.

Over the years we have evolved the club in order to reflect the experiences we have witnessed, both positive and negative. All of which is for what we feel is best for the children and their football development.

We want to try & promote players from the earliest age to stay within the club right through to Under 18 level and hopefully into the senior squads of players, whether that be for 1st Team or Reserves or U18's. We also want to encourage elder players (14 years & above) to commit to coaching / managing / refereeing other junior sides to help continue the cycle of progression.

We want to any players that do leave the junior section, for whatever reason to leave with pride within themselves and only positive memories of their time at the club.

Felixstowe & Walton Utd Junior Section – Structure

The structure is the foundation and will allow the section to operate with strength, professionalism and pride. The structure is vital for the section to survive and grow and if this is right it will put the section in a much stronger position to implement our philosophy and strengthen our standing within the community. All individual roles within the structure will be defined with a full support mechanism within the structure.

Please see the separate Structure chart.



How do we measure the progress of the player and the team?

We measure our success on the attendance of the children, how well we develop the individual in improving their own ability level and finally, on how the team performs as a unit. We are **NOT** about win at all costs; win at all costs does not work for us. We are about coaching the children to be FOOTBALLERS, for they have to learn how to play the game with confidence.

We do not just select the best players from a trial selection process, we do not encourage the sourcing of 'good' players from other clubs.

What do we do: we establish an age group at U6. From there the squad is coached with the intention of developing the children into organised groups ready for playing matches.

We believe that to have a rotation policy without any direction fails the more able player and does not significantly improve the less able player. Players improve with good coaching and exposure to games in an environment where the child feels that they can contribute or that others can support them in their contributions. This will reinforce their enjoyment, aide their confidence and in turn impact on their ability.

In order for us to develop the players at a rate we believe they are capable of coping with, we divide the squad into groups based on their ability. The coaches have the flexibility to move the players between the groups at any point they believe is beneficial to the player. Experience shows us that players get enjoyment and improve when playing/training with and against players of equal ability.



Defining our Junior Section

Geography

The geography of Felixstowe is a little unique in itself with having that 'end of the road' location and being a mixture of an industrial town with the port and a rural feel with plenty of fields and farming surrounding the town. All these things create a real community feel among the residents and create a sense of belonging. We feel the section benefits from this with parents feeling comfortable bringing their children into the club for their football education and an extension to the community. The feel of the town is something we try very hard to recreate within the junior section at the football club.

Local Demographic

We have a population of around 24,000 people in Felixstowe within this we have a mix of generations and social standing. We have people that have lived here all their lives and people that have moved into the town from other parts of the country and from other countries to make Felixstowe their home for them and their families.

Climate

Felixstowe seems to have its own mini weather climate and the sun seems to shine more than it rains but we do seem to have our fair share of wind maybe that's what keeps the rain clouds away who knows.

On some occasions the weather will make games unplayable on the grass pitches but we do seem to be able to limit the cancellations to a very small number of times a season. At all times the children's safety is at the fore front of all decisions on pitch and weather conditions.

Club History and Tradition

Felixstowe Football Club has a long and proud history and tradition as a football club having been formed originally in 1890 as Felixstowe F.C then again in 1952 after WW11 as Felixstowe United, the merger with Walton United In 2000 formed our current established club Felixstowe & Walton United. It was when this merger took place the Junior section was created and has gone from strength to strength over the years gaining its own proud history and traditions to run alongside our adult section of the club.



Facilities

Felixstowe Junior section has and always will do offer a safe environment for all the children in all age groups and gender to play and enjoy football. This has now been made even more possibly with the fantastic brand new clubhouse that has been built for the whole club to use and for everyone to benefit from. The building will offer hot and cold food and beverages for all with new toilets and changing facilities for all to use. Also outside there's under cover areas to stand and watch your children play and outdoor seating space also we now have a children's play area for smaller children to enjoy. This fantastic new building, complete with fully licensed bar and function room, is not only a safe haven for the children but also a place that the club can welcome the parents to come and meet new friends socially.

Workforce

We have a fabulous bunch of people that work within the section doing all sorts of work that helps keeps all the teams going season after season and growing year on year. From the chairman, football coaches, committees to offers of help all around the club every one of these people are volunteers and are not paid no one within the junior section is paid by the club.

The strength of the section is the strength of our volunteers.

Club Structure

This is where we feel the Junior Section has one of its major strengths, as it has a very strong structure which covers all areas and age groups within the section. We have in place many people in many areas of the section all working with the one goal of making every member have the best experience when involved with Felixstowe & Walton Junior Section.

Teams

The teams that are now within the junior section are:

- **Boys:** Under 6s (which is the start-up age group) under 7s, 8s, 9s, 10s, 11s, 12s, 13s, 14s, 15s and under 16s. The aim for the section is to run two sides in each age group which are the reds and whites.
- **Girls:** Under 10s, 11s, 12s and 14s. The section is continually working hard to expand the girls' teams to mirror the boys as much as possible. Please note that girls are very much allowed, and are encouraged, to join any boy's age group.



Competition

From the age group Under 8s, the teams enter the Suffolk Youth Football League (SYFL) and they play league games on a Saturday morning home and away.

From U8 to U10 it's a non-competitive league where no results or league positions are displayed. From U11S to U16s it becomes competitive football when all results and league tables are produced.

From age Under 8, teams are also entered into cup competitions.

Cost

To run the section there is a subscription cost at the start of each new season for each player signing on. The season usually runs from September to May this being the months games will be played in. However, the coaches will normally start pre-season training in August. We have worked very hard over the years to keep this cost down as much as possible to reflect excellent value for money and we believe that we offer this is with the costs being charged. We offer a sibling discount for more than one child and also up to two parents/guardians per child will receive a year's membership to the social club included in the subscription.

All of the age groups will be supplied with (at the cost of the section):

- Footballs and a range of training aids - cones, poles, bibs, etc.
- A fully stocked first aid kit
- Coaches will be Level One F.A qualified,
- Basic First Aid trained
- Attended a Children Safeguarding Workshop
- Pitch hire costs
- Referees (from U11s)
- All weather training pitch and indoor training (winter training)
- End of season participation medal



Felixstowe & Walton Utd Junior Section – Fees 2017 – 2018 Season

U6 & U7	£35
U8	Last season £95 but too big a jump so £75
U9 - U12	£95 (U12 were £105 last year but 9v9)
U13 – U16	£105
All Girls	£75
EJA	£50 (if playing Fxt & W Sat) £155