



AFC CORSHAM

Striving for excellence in Youth Football

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MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR THE SEASON 2008/09:

At the recent AGM, held at Leafy Lane, it was agreed to increase the overall contribution to the Club by £10 for the 2008/2009 season, and to continue with the payment scheme below. N.B. AFC Corsham's fees continue to be among the lowest in Wiltshire by some margin. Yet, in the Leafy Lane Playing Grounds, we have some of the county's very best facilities.

The total cost of £95 to Under 7 Members and above is broken down as follows:

Membership for the season - U7 to U16 £21.50

This covers Club and League Registration Fees and other administration costs.

Coaching & Facility Costs £73-50

This covers the rent we pay Leafy Lane, the subsidised use of the Astro Turf, insurance, electricity heating of the changing rooms, hot showers and fees towards coaching courses, to ensure all managers have attained Level 1 or above.

Payment: we offer a choice – either a single upfront payment of £95, or in two instalments.

The first instalment of £55 (includes membership fee) with Registration Forms, by August 1st, 2008. The second of £40 by November 1st 2008.

The total cost of £75 to Under 7 Members and above is broken down as follows:

Membership for the season - U6 £21-50

This covers Club and League Registration Fees and other administration costs.

Coaching & Facility Costs £53-50

This covers the rent we pay Leafy Lane, the subsidised use of the Astro Turf, insurance, electricity heating of the changing rooms, hot showers and fees towards coaching courses, to ensure all managers have attained Level 1 or above.

Payment: we offer a choice – either a single upfront payment of £75, or in two instalments.

The first instalment of £45 (includes membership fee) with Registration Forms, by August 1st, 2008. The second of £30 by November 1st 2008.



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For siblings, the membership fee is still payable, but Coaching & Facility costs are reduced to £29-50

Payment: we offer a choice – either a single upfront payment of £51, or in two instalments.

The first instalment of £31 (includes membership fee) with Registration Forms, by August 1st, 2008. The second of £20 by November 1st 2008.

General Conditions:

- A reduction of £5 per month (per instalment) will apply to members starting after 1st September
- To ensure fairness to all, a strict 'No Pay, No Play' policy will be enforced from U7 upwards
- A photocopy of a birth certificate or passport will be required as proof of I.D.
- All members must submit two passport-sized colour photographs to be processed as part of the League's new Identity Card Scheme – this scheme protects individual members' identities, has been constructed under the guidance of Child Care Agencies and is governed by the conditions of the League's strict Child Protection Policy (details are available on request).

Each player will be assigned to a Manager for the season – squads will have a fixed number of players (agreed with the manager). Where a manager has more applications than the set maximum, the applicants will only be accepted on the condition that an additional manager/coach comes forward to run the new group. The Club will support any number of players but in line with Health & Safety and Child Protection policies, will only do so under a manageable and safe 'Adult to Player ratio'.

What do I get for my Money?

The Club, through the managers, tries to run each team for the majority of the year. Training is provided weekly (using our new, state-of-the-art, 3rd generation artificial grass facility when it gets dark.) League fixtures run from September until May, followed by the 6-a-side tournament season, hosted by all the local clubs (tournament fees are extra for those that play.) On average, three hours a week is provided to each age group by a minimum FA Level 1-qualified coach. The management committee at AFC Corsham believes this represents excellent value for money.



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Membership Fees for the Season 2008/2009 cont:

The Club Fees and the way they are collected follow on from these beliefs:

- ✓ **We will continue to invest in the facilities and resources and in the quality of the coaching and support skills within the club.** Where a parent wishes to get more involved in coaching, refereeing and support such as Child Protection and is willing to commit time to the Club, the Club will pay the relevant fees for the professional training of that individual. This policy has seen a substantial increase in the number of qualified individuals committing themselves to football and the Club. We currently have over 20 FA qualified individuals supporting our teams. This season will also see further spending on balls and training equipment.
- ✓ **Sponsorship and fund raising is not easy!** A Club of this size needs to attract more sponsorship and host more fund raising events to continue to expand and develop. It is therefore vital that we get more ideas and more support from families, and the community, so that we can spread our income sources, and not have to rely totally on membership fees for our cash. Please ask your company or wealthy in-laws for any support they can give. Try to get someone from your age group to book, with his or her mates, one hour a week on the new training facility (this would raise at least £2000 a month with minimal effort!)
- ✓ **Paying upfront benefits everyone, but we have made changes to help.** There are clear benefits to everyone in the upfront payment of Club fees; reduction in administration, time saved in registration and money collection and the obligation on parents/members to pay promptly and register attendance. The committee does however recognise that finding a full season's fees can be difficult, so we have introduced the staged payment scheme. Please note however that payment dates must be adhered to and we will, in fairness to all, operate a strict 'No Pay, No Play' policy. The Club would prefer post-dated cheques. Individual payment schemes will be considered, but should be submitted to a committee member or manager, preferably in writing, for consideration by the committee.
- ✓ **We will always strive to give 'value for money'.** The Club offers its members a safe, fun and high quality environment for playing football and meeting friends. We believe that even the increase in our fees is comparable to other youth organisations and they are still lower than many of the football clubs in the surrounding area.

The Committee