



Club overview

Barnstoneworth United is based on a philosophy of providing a safe, supportive environment for men and women aged over 18 to play competitive football and socialise with each other. We know that playing sport and being part of a team can be a great outlet for people to escape their busy or stressful lives and can help with their mental health and overall well-being. Barnstoneworth is about friendship and sportsmanship and whilst we aim to be as competitive as possible in every match we play in every grade, we are not about winning at all costs. Our aim is to be a club where all members feel supported and welcome, a club that all players are proud to be a part of and who are always respected by our opponents.

Team Organisation

Grading

Grades A & B will be graded each year and all players who wish to play in those grades need to make their intentions clear to the individual team coach or the club registrar during preseason. All other team rosters will be allocated with more of a social feel and where possible allow groups of mates to play together. There will be a grading meeting during each preseason where coaches, managers and the committee will agree all team rosters.

Game time

There is an expectation that all players within the club are given a fair amount of time on the pitch each week. All coaches must discuss and agree playing time expectations with their players before the start of each season and keep to this throughout both the regular season and finals series. If a player feels a coach is not keeping to what was agreed, they should in the first instance try and discuss this with their coach and manager and if still unresolved talk to a member of the committee.

Backing up

As a club we encourage players where possible to help out our teams who are looking for back-up players when they are short. This must be done within the rules set in the CCF Rules and Regulations. (a copy of the rules can be found on the club website). No player who is not registered for Barnstoneworth can ever 'fill in' for one of our teams. Players registered to play on a Friday night cannot back up for a team on a Saturday and vice versa.

If a team needs a backup player, they must enquire with the appropriate coaches who is available BEFORE approaching any individual players. If they are told by a coach that no one is available from their team, they do not have the right to ask a player from that team to back-up.

A back-up player should only be brought into a match day squad when there is a real need. It is not acceptable to bring in a back-up players at the expense of game time for existing members of a squad. This applies to games both within the main season and the finals series.

Players must be told what is expected of them before they agree to back-up for a team. E.g. it is not acceptable to ask a player to back-up and then only give them 5 minutes' game time, unless this was what was agreed beforehand.

All teams MUST have a registered Coach and Manager

Coaches and Managers are appointed by the committee based on the expressions of interest received before each season. If 2 or more candidates apply for a position the committee will decide who they feel is the most suitable for the role. This may involve gathering the opinions of the players within the respective team.

If a team feel they need to change their Coach or Manager for whatever reason this must be discussed with the committee.

Roles & Responsibilities - Coaches and Managers

Coaches

- Management and selection of player roster for the season.
- Organising appropriate training.
- Match day team selection and tactics.
- Organising back-up players.
- Ensuring the team abide by both Barnstoneworth and CCF rules, regulations and policies
- Promoting an environment of respect and sportsmanship.
- Organising trial games - Must be organised through the designated committee member.
- Deciding on the coach's player of the year.

Managers

- Completing the team sheet on the CCF online system prior to each game.
- Ensuring the team has a vested official at each game.
- Collecting payments for referee fees and passing onto the treasurer when requested.
- Team communication, ensuring that all players are aware of match and training times.
- Club communication, ensuring all players are aware of club events and collecting any payments or information as requested by the committee.
- Communicating the match score and match report after each game on Whats App "BUFC Match Day Results" group by 5pm each Monday.
- Organising the man of the match, three, two, one game day vote and keeping records of the results. This is how the player's player of the year is decided.
- Keeping records for the team's goal scorers and goalkeepers
- Ensuring someone is running the team esky.
- Ensuring all club kit (shirts, balls and training equipment) are returned to the club at the end of the season.

Either the coach or manager of each team must attend club meetings as requested by the committee. Where this is not possible it is the C&Ms responsibility to organise a representative from their team to attend in their place.