



GUILDFORD SAINTS FC

FA Charter Standard Development Club
Surrey FA's: Grass Roots Club of the Year 2020

Can we have our ball back please...

May 2023



Dear Members,

We are fast approaching the **end of season 2022-23**, a reminder on dates:

13th May 2023 – **EOS presentation** for boys/mixed teams @ Chilworth 3pm

20th May 2023 – **EOS presentation** for girls teams @ Chilworth 3pm

Training sessions **finish as follows:**

Boys/mixed teams last training session @ Kings Saturday 27th May 2023.

Mid week training: Tues/Weds/Thurs last sessions W/C 22nd May 2023.

Girls teams last training session @ Kings/GA Monday 26th June 2023.

Futsal sessions: TBC

GSFC AGM: Wednesday 14th June 8pm @ Albury .

REGISTRATIONS for next season will open July 2023 .

Pre- Season training session will commence in **August 2023** .

During **June/July & August** we will be running **Squad girls** sessions (U12-U14 girls) and **1st Touch sessions** (5 – 6 yr olds) @ Kings. Sessions for children not currently playing for GSFC.

In addition we will be holding a **3v3 festival for both boys and girls** @ Kings on Sunday **21st May 2023** in the age categories 5-6 & 7-8 for prospective new members.





Cup Finals: a very exciting few weeks at GSFC seeing several teams play in Cup Finals:-

Congratulations to our U11 Tigers and Team Manager, Melvin.

After playing some of their **best games** of the season, Guildford Saints Tigers qualified for their **first cup final** against Woking Town Spartans. The players were understandably **nervous** and took a few minutes to settle with Woking having a goal disallowed after being offside and Myles Williams chasing back for a great block to stop a Woking goal. But a **lovely finish** from Alex Sherratt after a through ball from Will Browne settled the team down and they started to relax. From that point on they went from **strength to strength** and never looked back ending the half **4-0 up** and in control. They all **worked hard** through-out and never let Woking Town Spartans a chance to get back into it the game and added a **further 9 goals** in the 2nd half for a **deserved win** and great way to finish the season. **Will Browne** was nominated as the **player of the match** with a performance consisting of hard work, multiple goals and assists. I was proud to see Annabel Fletcher lift the trophy. **Well done to the 14 player squad** as **everyone has contributed** and it has been a real **team effort** all season.





Congratulations to our U12G Diamonds and Team Managers: Simon Bigrave & Tim Hall for reaching the U12 Girls County Cup Finals:-

Guildford Saints U12s Diamonds were **runners up** to a very strong Crystal Palace side in the County Cup final. Playing in front of 160 people at Meadowbank was a **great experience** for the girls. It took a while for the girls to settle and find their stride in the 1st half, they **played well, passed well** but Crystal Palace had the upper hand and scored 6 by half time. The girls **gave everything** and showed **great character** to put on a **heroic second half performance**, the girls were more **relaxed**, fighting in all areas of the pitch, managed to get a few shots on goals and almost scored from a **brilliant free kick**. GK made some **fantastic saves**, but it was not our day with the final score 8-0 to Crystal Palace. We would like to **thank the phenomenal support** the girls received you are all **amazing**. It was a **fantastic day** and a **great achievement** to reach the final. Simon.



I had the privilege of watching this game from the stand @ Meadowbank, the girls and Managers should be very **proud of this achievement** and their **performance on the day**. The **team work** and work rate was very **impressive** from all players throughout the match, never letting their heads drop despite the score. The way in which they handled the loss at the end of the game was also **very impressive** as was the **3 cheers** given with **huge enthusiasm** to the winners showing **great sportsmanship** –**excellent ambassadors for GSFC**. I also echo Simon's sentiments regarding the GSFC supporters – amazing. Dawn.





2 more Cup Finals to be played:

7th May 2023 – U17 Jaguars v Yateley @ Bedfont Sports FC, Middlesex TW14 9JR 10am KO

21st May 2023 – U10 Lions v ACE @ Guildford City's ground 10am KO

All supporters welcome.

Good luck to both teams – enjoy.



Safeguarding: Our Welfare Officer, Kelly Mahdavi, recently visited our girls teams during a training session to talk about Social Media and **staying safe online**.

Social Media plays a big part in our everyday lives, but it is not always used in a safe, positive way. Unfortunately, social media can and is used for harassment and bullying. Kelly's message to all our members – “**think before you send**” “**will your message be harmful to the recipient**”? “**Do you need to send the message**”?

Make sure you **read your message before** pressing Send, **do not** send messages in anger, take time to think about what you are sending, will your message cause distress or upset anyone.

GSFC do have a Social Media policy, please take time to **read and understand the Policy (attached)**.

Abusive and or bullying messages received **should be reported**. Reports will be investigated and if necessary, **concerns will be escalated** to the Surrey FA Safeguarding team. This includes messages received/sent within GSFC or from outside of GSFC.

Stay safe online – “Think before you Send”.



Membership Fees: Please note, all fees due for Season 22-23 must be **paid in full** by 31st May 2023

Kit for Cameroon: Coach, Thierry will be visiting his hometown in Cameroon this summer. He has been busy **collecting sports kit** and footwear (footie boots/trainers) to distribute to the children. You may have seen the photos from last year where we saw many young people wearing GSFC kit and various items donated by our members. We would like to **request donations** again this year – **sports kit and footwear** that are surplus to your requirements. Donations are **required by 21st May** to allow time for packing and shipping. If you would like to donate any items, **please contact me** to arrange drop off/collection: dawn.davies11@btinternet.com

Sports kit can be any type of clothing or old football kits.

Thank you.





Play your best.. On and Off

Make sure you and everyone around you has a good time, on and off the pitch.

Play Your Part Social Media Policy

Codes of Conduct

Social Media Policy for Guildford Saints FC

Guildford Saints Football Club recognises that social media is a powerful tool to communicate to our members and the public about what is going on within our club. All posts online, regardless of privacy settings, should be considered permanent and potentially public. Before posting to these networks, please evaluate the content to ensure the privacy and safety of our members, as well as minimising the impact on their digital identities.

Guildford Saints Football Club's social media policy is intended to help set guidelines for posting on behalf of, and in reference to, members of the club.

Purpose of Guildford Saints Football Club's Social Media Use

All members should have access to internal sources of information. This includes newsletters, club emails and group chats, all of which can be used to communicate information relating to the club. As such, social media should only be used to post public data including:

- Advertising the club's accomplishments, including newspaper articles, and achievements.
- Current news and reminders for parents and/or members pertaining to public events
- Posting public club photos
- We do not permit any negative comments about GSFC members, coaches, volunteers or opposition teams, clubs, events and or members on any social media site. It will reflect poorly on both you and the club.

Guidelines

When registering, all parents/guardians or members must acknowledge the Photo Waiver by agreeing or declining permission to have their or their children's photos used publicly by the club. This includes both print and social media.

- a. From the club
 - Pictures of club members may include faces but not names
- b. For members and parents/guardians
 - When possible, share photos within your own privacy settings and not publicly.

Discrimination, sexual harassment and bullying

You must not post any material that is offensive, harassing, discriminatory, embarrassing, intimidating, sexually explicit, bullying, hateful, racist, sexist or otherwise inappropriate.

When using social media, you may also be bound by Guildford Saints Football Club's values and Anti-Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying Policies.

Disciplinary process

Depending on the circumstances, breaches of this policy may be dealt with in accordance with the disciplinary procedure contained within both the anti-discrimination policy and complaints procedures policy.

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