



Nunnery Wood FC Club Charter Season 2026/2027



Introduction

The following should be read in conjunction with the Nunnery Wood FC (NWFC) Club Constitution. These two documents together form a framework for what is expected of Club Officers, Managers, Coaches, Players and Spectators that is to be adhered to at all times.

Our Vision

To provide a safe, inclusive and enjoyable football environment where every player has the opportunity to develop, achieve their potential and enjoy the game for life.

Our Mission

Nunnery Wood FC is committed to delivering high-quality football in line with England Football values by placing player development, wellbeing and enjoyment at the heart of everything we do.

Our Core Values

Respect • Teamwork • Enjoyment • Development • Inclusion • Sportsmanship.

Winning is important, but never more important than developing players and creating a positive experience.

Player Development

The club follows the Four Corner Model, supporting every player's technical, physical, psychological and social development. Players are encouraged to be creative, make decisions, learn from mistakes and enjoy football.

Coaching Standards

All coaches will hold appropriate FA-recognised qualifications or be working towards them, maintain current DBS, Safeguarding and First Aid qualifications, create safe and enjoyable sessions, promote respect and prioritise long-term player development.

Playing Philosophy

Teams should play with confidence, show creativity, keep possession where appropriate, play forward positively, work hard for teammates and respect opponents and officials.

Grassroots Playing Formats

Nunnery Wood FC supports the England Football player pathway by providing age-appropriate football formats that maximise enjoyment, learning and player development.



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The Club follows the recognised grassroots playing formats:

Age Group	Playing Format	Ball Size	Goalkeeper	Typical Pitch Size (Maximum)	Goal Size
U7	3v3	Size 2	No	30 x 20 metres	Mini goals (no goalkeeper)
U8	5v5	Size 3	Yes	40 x 30 metres	12 ft x 6 ft
U9	5v5	Size 3	Yes	40 x 30 metres	12 ft x 6 ft
U10	7v7	Size 3	Yes	60 x 40 metres	12 ft x 6 ft
U11	7v7	Size 3	Yes	60 x 40 metres	12 ft x 6 ft
U12	9v9	Size 4	Yes	80 x 50 metres	16 ft x 7 ft
U13	9v9	Size 4	Yes	80 x 50 metres	16 ft x 7 ft
U14	11v11	Size 5	Yes	Full-size pitch	24 ft x 8 ft
U15	11v11	Size 5	Yes	Full-size pitch	24 ft x 8 ft
U16	11v11	Size 5	Yes	Full-size pitch	24 ft x 8 ft
U17	11v11	Size 5	Yes	Full-size pitch	24 ft x 8 ft
U18	11v11	Size 5	Yes	Full-size pitch	24 ft x 8 ft

Note: This table reflects The FA's **FutureFit** youth playing formats introduced for the **2026–27 season**. County FAs and leagues may implement the changes according to the FA transition timetable.

Foundation Phase (U7–U11): equal participation and development are prioritised.

Youth Development Phase (U12–U16): development remains the priority while balancing commitment and team needs.

Development Phase (U17–U21): prepare players for adult football while maintaining a positive environment.

Players should experience a variety of positions, particularly in the Foundation and Youth Development phases.

Playing Time

Managers should provide meaningful playing opportunities appropriate to each age group and follow league and FA guidance.



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Matchday Behaviour

Everyone must respect referees, opponents, teammates and spectators. Abusive, discriminatory or inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated.

Parents & Spectators

Encourage every player, allow coaches to coach, respect referees and celebrate effort as much as results.

Safeguarding & Welfare

The welfare of every child is the Club's highest priority. Any safeguarding concern must be reported immediately to the Club Welfare Officer.

Equality, Diversity & Inclusion

The Club welcomes everyone regardless of age, disability, ethnicity, faith, gender or sexual orientation and is committed to providing football for all.

Communication

All communications and social media should be respectful, positive and football-related.

Equipment & Facilities

Everyone is responsible for looking after club equipment and leaving facilities clean, safe and tidy.

Commitment

By registering with Nunnery Wood FC, all players, parents, coaches and volunteers agree to support this Charter, the Club Constitution and the FA Codes of Conduct.