ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS POLICY

Purpose
The purpose of this policy is to outline the annual subscription process for players at Wychwood Football Club, including trial sessions, fees, payment details, and cancellation information.

Trial Sessions
- New children are welcome to trial with us for three weeks without any financial commitment, in order to explore the club.
- Trial sessions provide an opportunity to experience our training sessions and matches before making a commitment.
- The trial period can be initiated at your convenience and ideally should last three consecutive weeks for a comprehensive experience.
- A membership form must always be completed before attending a trial session, for safeguarding and insurance reasons.

Annual membership Fee
- The annual membership fee will be reviewed annually and published on the club website.
- Fees may vary for different age groups depending on whether they are playing in a league and/or training on an all-weather pitch during the winter.
- All coaches and committee members are also required to pay the annual membership fee.

Payment Due Date
The subscription fee is due before a player's fourth training session, which follows their three trial sessions, or by the dates published on the club website.

Subscription Period
The subscription period runs from September 1 to August 31 of the following year.
Refund Periods
- Partial refunds will be considered during the following periods:
    - September 1 to December 31
    - January 1 to April 30

What's Included in the Subscription
- The annual subscription covers the following:
    - Provision of a full match kit (if assigned to a league), ensuring your child is fully equipped to represent Wychwood on and off the field.
    - Participation in league matches (for teams playing in a league), maximum of 2 tournaments, and training sessions throughout the year.
    - FA membership.

Payment Details

- The annual membership fee can be paid in full at the start of the season or in instalments according to the club's published payment schedule.
- Payments must be made via bank transfer (BACS) to Wychwood Football Club with the following details:
- Bank: Wychwood Football Club
    - **Sort Code:** 30-91-43
    - **Account Number:** 00233004
    - **Reference:** Child's Name and Age Group i.e. John Doe U8
- Payments must be made to the Wychwood Football Club account and not to any individual member's account. This is to ensure transparency and proper financial management.

Support for Families in Need

- Wychwood Football Club recognises that some families may face financial hardship or low-income households. We are committed to ensuring that all children have the opportunity to participate in football regardless of their financial situation.
- Families who are experiencing financial hardship are encouraged to speak with a member of the committee in confidence. The committee will review each case and determine eligibility for financial support or reduced subscription fees.
- Support requests will be reviewed every four months, and all decisions will be made without discrimination, based purely on the kindness and capacity of the club to assist.
- Discussions regarding support will be conducted with the relevant committee members and the child's coach to ensure a collaborative approach.

Cancellation Information

- Refunds for subscription cancellations are provided in two specific segments of the year that have not been trained in yet - September to December and January to April.
- The summer period is free.
- Cancellation of individual sessions is not offered, and the cost of a term will not be reduced based on cancelled sessions.
- Players will be asked to return their kits when leaving the club as this remains the property of Wychwood Football Club unless a parent has paid for replacement kits at any stage.
- Subscription payments are utilised for the general operation of the club and are not allocated for coach payments, as all coaches are volunteers.

Benefits of the Annual Subscription

1. **Unity and Pride:**
   Our full match kits foster a sense of unity and pride among players, promoting a cohesive team identity.
2. **Budget-Friendly**

The annual subscription fee covers participation costs for the entire season, making financial planning easier for families.

3. **Quality Experience**
   Your subscription supports coaching development, access to training facilities, and the organisation of competitive matches, ensuring a safe and fun football experience.

4. **Player Development**
   Throughout the season, the focus will be on creating a safe, fun and inclusive environment for the players to thrive. The coaching team will support the young people with their football skills, whilst embedding key life skills like teamwork, respect and communication into training and match days.
5. **Community Support**
   Your subscription sustains club operations, creating a safe, inclusive environment for young football enthusiasts.

Final Decision Clause

The final decision on all matters related to this policy rests with the Main Committee of the Wychwood Football Club, following the established voting procedure. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the coaches or designated Child Welfare Officers, as specifically stated within this policy.