

Welcome to EB Lions AFC

We hope you have a long and happy time growing up with EB Lions. This is a fantastic opportunity that will serve to build confidence and close friendships and above all else provide fantastic life-long memories.

This short guide introduces you to what is involved and who to contact.

We want everyone to have fun, develop and enjoy football.

EB Lions supports the FA initiatives that are aimed a “Fair play” and “Respect” which includes players, supporters and all those involved in youth football. We expect everyone involved within EB Lions to abide by these guidelines and we should act as role models.

We hope you enjoy your time with EB Lions and wish you all the success with the club.

Adrian Bush

EB Lions Chairman



Football Development

As a club we have a clear path from age 4 to adulthood.

It starts off at 5 a side, 7 a side and 9 a side football, but is centred on player development and coaching – improving players, building confidence, experience, learning skills, tactics and teamwork.

The structure is as follows:

U5-U6 we focus purely on learning with a ball with lessons structured around fun.

U7-U8 familiarisation with small side games and some gentle development work in training.

U9-U10 skills levels and experience start to show (for some, not all). Technical development comes more to the fore, to work towards improving skills and abilities.

U11-U12 an introduction into 9 and 11 a side football – merging of 7 a side teams.

U12-U14 ability really does start to show and focus will move to playing the best 11-14, whilst trying to improve those falling below the bar.

U15-U18 competitive football where the best will play and full competitive teams positions exist.

U18 and beyond many senior players go onto train as referees and coaches.

Expectations

Our club has an invested interest in the development of young talent but our main aim is sport, enjoyment, friendships and a positive childhood experience.

All our coaches that run the teams are all volunteers and are either parents of the children or ex players.

Coaches would appreciate help during training and games so if you can lend a hand let them know.

Your child will be chosen to be a training player with the team (will only train in the week, no games at the weekend) or a full time player (training & playing).

It is important to note that the registration fee payable to EB Lions is for us to provide football activities on a regular basis during September to May. Although EB Lions strive to include every player member in matches it must be recognised that the fee does not guarantee a whole game in an EB Lions match day team.

Members must recognise that events beyond EB Lions control (e.g. weather, staff availability, league structures) may affect the number of training sessions and matches that EB Lions can deliver.

Our aim

As a club we aim to:

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning
- Explain exactly what we expect from our players and what they can expect from us
- Develop mutual trust and respect with every player to build their self-esteem
- Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance
- Ensure all activities are appropriate for the players ability level, experience and age

Our Club, our pride

We are incredibly proud of our club. As coaches, parents and guardians we all have a responsibility to promote high standards and uphold the ethos of the FA respect campaign:

- Players are number one
- Fun - winning is not everything
- Fans only cheer and coaches only coach
- No yelling in anger
- Respect the officials decisions
- No swearing, whatever the opposition is like

Clubs are the heartbeat of football in this country. We have a shared responsibility to

ensure that this experience is a positive one, particularly at the youngest age groups.

We have a commitment to coaching, player and coach development and the raising of standards of skill and also behaviour in the game, all of which are big priorities for both us and The FA.

Who to contact

Your coach should always be your first point of contact.

Your coach will keep you posted with the details of training and matches. The club will also keep you up to date with news via LoveAdmin and Facebook.

The club committee are also always available to help with any questions or queries. Your key football related contacts are listed below:

Club Chairman

Adrian Bush - chair@eblions.co.uk

Child Welfare Officer

Stacey Coath - childwelfare@eblions.co.uk

Club Secretary & Social Media

Jo Patis - secretary@eblions.co.uk

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