



SoccerSchool Welcome Pack

Dear Parent / Guardian / Carer

A warm welcome to St Mirren Youth Football Club!

The Club were formed in 1998 as St Mirren Football Club Boys Club by Tony Fitzpatrick, Frank Sweeney and various other people, as a forerunner to the Pro-Youth system. The Club changed its name to St Mirren Youth Football Club, when it became a Scottish Registered Charity (Number SC041082), in 2010. The Club has also been a Scottish FA Quality Mark Partner Club since then.

The Club is managed by an Executive Committee, made up from the following people:

Jim Barr, Club Chairperson	07548 355424
David Rhodick, Club Vice-Chair	07733 323779
Frank Sweeney, Club Secretary	07496 800087
Stephen Mann, Club Treasurer	07795 420562

The Club also have a Club Wellbeing & Protection Officer – Sharon Armstrong – 07455208808

The Club operate several Teams organised according to the players year of birth. The youngest age groups are designated part of our SoccerSchool, which is where we develop these players into Teams. The Scottish FA and Scottish Youth FA currently allow 5-year-olds to play in organised non-competitive fixtures.

Each Team requires a Secretary, a qualified Coach, a qualified First Aider and a COVID Officer. All of these roles need a successfully completed Child Wellbeing e-Learning module and an enhanced PVG Disclosure certificate. Coaches also require the appropriate Scottish FA Coach Education certificates for the age-group they work with.

The Club are always looking to use the skillset of its members and we are always in recruiting mode for volunteers in the shape of helpers and coaches, as well as prospective young football players.

SoccerSchool Coaching Sessions and games are currently priced at £3 Pay As You Go and due to the ongoing global pandemic, we are looking for payments to be paid digitally/electronically by BACS, Direct Debit or Standing Order. This works out at £6 per week or £24 every four weeks.

The SoccerSchool Bank Account is serviced by the Bank of Scotland. The Account is in the name of **St Mirren Youth Football Club**.

Bank Account Number: **06001568** Sort Code Number: **80-13-53**

In the background, the Club are working in partnership with Inchinnan Community Council and Inchinnan Development Trust, to regenerate the India Tyres Playing Fields into a 21st Century sports ground.

And finally, anyone who wants to help, please step forward! Ask yourself, what can I do to support the Club? We are always looking for donations and sponsorship, so if you know of any would be philanthropic benefactors, please pass them on to the Executive Committee. Or if anyone wants to help organise a wee fundraiser for the SoccerSchool, again please step forward if you have any ideas, let's hear them!

Stephen Mann, SoccerSchool Coordinator 07795 420562



Club Website and using Social Media

The Club want everyone to be able to access our website and participate in other social networking opportunities, so we are clarifying the expectations around responsible use which are aligned with the Scottish Football Association, the national governing body guidelines.

Please note the Club follow the rules of the Scottish Youth FA (SYFA) and Scottish Women's Football (SWF) who are affiliates of the national governing body. For many people these guidelines will be common sense and you will be complying with them already. The Club ask you as players, parents and carers to be aware of the following:

- <http://www.scottishyouthfa.co.uk/images/Information-Downloads/Policies-and-Procedures/Media/Code-of-Good-Use-Of-Photographs.pdf>
- <http://www.scottishyouthfa.co.uk/images/Information-Downloads/Policies-and-Procedures/Media/Social-Media-Usage-Policy-Iss-2.pdf>
- <http://scotwomensfootball.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/2.8-SWF-Social-Media-Policy.pdf>

As a member of the Club, you are responsible for and need to abide by the governing body Rules and Regulations regarding comments you place online about the league, club, players, managers or match officials.

It is against Club and SYFA rules to post comments that are or maybe conceived as offensive, insulting, abusive, threatening, racist, and discriminatory or any other reference that may cause offence or harm to others.

Any such comment made on club or league websites and/or social networking sites regarding officials may result in disciplinary action being taken in line with governing bodies Disciplinary Policies and Procedures.

Comments made on websites that are threatening abusive or racist could lead to legal action being taken against those responsible for posting or hosting them. Comments made may attract libel claims and legal action through the civil courts if they are untrue or defamatory.

When posting match reports, for small-sided (4v4, 5v5, 7v7, 9v9) teams, there should be no results information published online. Any website, or any other social networking sites that reveals the result of these matches to the reader, will be reported to the authorities.

All parents/carers are advised to familiarise themselves with: -

- The guidance offered by the [Child Exploitation Online Protection \(CEOP\) centre](#); they provide guidance for parents/carers, children and young people. They also provide the most up to date guidance for online environments

If you have any concerns – please contact:


- Club Wellbeing & Protection – Sharon Armstrong 07455208808



Club Website and using Social Media

Club Website - General contacts and coaching sessions details - <http://stmirrenyfc.org>

Club Social Media -    - Facebook, Instagram and Twitter handle: [@StMirrenYouthFC](https://www.instagram.com/StMirrenYouthFC)

Club Team App -  This Smartphone App will keep you up-to-date with your footballer's team or squad news, events, schedules and much more - <https://stmirrenyfc.teamapp.com/>

This App will be the **default** position that Coaches and Officials inform members of Club information, policies and procedures. TeamApp is secure and allows relevant information to be targeted to teams, squads, coaches and parents as appropriate.

We want all our parents to be informed and involved – so please make sure you sign up to TeamApp

To get the full features of your teams App you need to download Team App onto your mobile phone.

- Download Team App here - <http://teamapp.com/app> - Its 100% FREE.
- Launch Team App, then...
- Sign-up to Team App. You'll be sent an email to confirm your registration.
- Log in. Then search for St Mirren Youth FC and request access to the team or squad(s) that apply to you.

If you are seeking membership, you must complete details in full - First name, Last name, Street Number and Address, Postcode, Mobile number, email address.

If you are a parent, select **Parent** and the **Team** or Squad name that your young footballer coaches with - please include the full name of your son/daughter in the box under where we ask "Team son/daughter plays for", as well as the Year they were born, and the Squad name that your footballer plays in:

- For example: *Alasdair Saint 2014s - Jennifer Mirren 2016s*

If basic information is left incomplete, such as just putting your first name and no last name, or leaving out your address, postcode, phone number or email - you will delay membership, or the Club will remove the application.

If you don't have a smartphone, reply to SoccerSchool@StMirrenYFC.org so that you can be added manually, and you'll receive email notifications.

Frank Sweeney, Club Secretary
St Mirren Youth Football Club
A Scottish Registered Charity # SC041082
A Scottish FA Community Club # 7725



Club Shop

Direct Soccer based in Dundee have created a Club Shop for us, you can view the current Club Training Kit, supplied by Joma, on the following link:

<https://www.directsoccer.co.uk/club-shops/s--v/st.-mirren-yfc>

Parents, Guardians and Carers can purchase this kit – however we would ask that you place your order through your Team Secretary or Team Coach.

Sample Sizes will be made available at the Tyres or at a Coaching Session for orders to be placed.

Basic kit of Shirt, Shorts, Socks and a Rain Jacket will cost around £40



Other items such as a Quarter Zip Training Top are available.

There is no rush for orders, the Club would prefer to place Bulk orders, so that Team Funds pay for delivery rather than you. Delivery costs £5 per shipment, so when your wee footballer is settled and you are ready to order, just make sure you get the players sized up before placing your money and order with officials.

It's also a good idea to order a size up, so again please wait until you see the sizes matched to your player before ordering.

PLEASE DO NOT ORDER the Home and Away Playing Kit below – Coaches should have a set of Home and Away Playing Kit for Soccer Fours and Soccer Fives (4v4 and 5v5) Teams - when players are ready for fixtures.





Photograph Consent Form

To: Parent / Guardian

St Mirren Youth Football Club may wish to take photographs or videos of participants to celebrate football events.

We adhere to the SYFA Guidelines to ensure these are safe and respectful and used solely for the purposes for which they are intended, which is the promotion and celebration of the activities of St Mirren Youth Football Club and our affiliated clubs/leagues. Promotion may be through St Mirren Youth Football Clubs website/associated official social media platforms or local media outlets. Children and Young People will not be named in any photograph without parental/guardian permission.

Individual that is to be photographed details:

Surname		Forenames	
Date of Birth		Age	

Parent/Guardian Details:

Surname		Forenames	
Home Tel.		Mobile Tel.	
Title		Relationship	Parent/Guardian
Email Address			

Consent: (please delete as appropriate)

*I give permission for photographs to be taken of the above-named participant for Club use only: **YES/NO***

Please note - the Club does not name participants in photographs.

Confirmation:

I confirm the above information and acknowledge I have completed it accurately.

Full Name:

Parent/Guardian

Signed:

Date:

Please return the signed consent form as soon as possible and take a note of the following contact.

Should you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact:

Sharon Armstrong, Club Wellbeing & Protection Officer: sharonlouise87@icloud.com 07455 208808

www.StMirrenYFC.org



SYFA Club Parental Consent Form

Player Information

Insert Details

Player's Details	
Player's Name:	
Date of Birth:	
Address:	
Post Code:	
Telephone No:	
Emergency Contact Details	
Contact's Name:	
Relationship to Player:	
Emergency Contact Tel No:	
Late Collection Contact Details	
Contact's Name:	
Relationship to Player:	
Contact's Tel No:	
Player's School/College (if applicable)	
School/College Tel No:	
GP Details	
Name of GP:	
GP's Tel No:	
Address of GP:	
Postcode:	

General and Medical Information

Does your child have a disability/medical condition that will affect their ability to take part in sport?
If yes, please give details.

Does your child take any medication? If yes, please give details.

Does your child have any existing injuries (include when injury sustained and treatment received)?
If yes, please give details.

Does your child have any allergies, including allergies to medication? If yes, please give details.

Is there any other relevant information which you would like us to know about your child?
(e.g. access rights, disabilities, etc).

Sharing Information

SYFA do not share information about any player unless there is a concern about that player's welfare.

Consent – Medical Treatment

I consent/I do not consent* to my child receiving medical treatment, including anaesthetic, which the medical professionals present consider necessary.

Consent – Transportation of Children

I consent/I do not consent* to my child being transported by persons representing the SYFA for the purposes of taking part in football.

I understand the SYFA will ask any person using a private vehicle to declare that they are properly licensed and insured and, in the case of a person who cannot so declare, will not permit that individual to transport children.

Consent – Photographs and publications (including Website & Social Media)

Your child may be photographed or filmed when participating in football and this may be published. I consent/I do not consent* for my child to be involved in photographing/filming and for information about my child to be used for the purposes stated in the SYFA Code of Good Conduct for the Use of Photographs & Images.

Consent – Contact Information

The SYFA may contact your child from time to time via e-mail, text or social networking site.

I consent/I do not consent* for my child to be contacted via e-mail, text or social networking site for football purposes. I do/I do not wish to be copied into these messages.

Player's e-mail address:

Player's mobile No:

Consent – Signature

I am aware of the SYFA Player Protection Policy (downloadable from www.scottishyouthfa.co.uk) and agree to work in partnership with the SYFA to promote my child's safe participation in football.

I undertake to inform the SYFA should any of the information contained in this form change.

Parent/Carer's Signature:

(Please state relationship to child if not parent)

Date:

Print Name:

E-mail:

Mobile No:

*(delete as appropriate)

Players will not be allowed to participate in any SYFA activities without this consent form being signed and returned to:-

Scottish Youth FA, Hampden Park, Glasgow, G42 9BF

Tel: 0141 620 4593 Email: syfaplayers@scottish-football.com