

To all Under 8's Parents,

As many of you know from this season (2008/09) there will be no League or Cup competitions for Under 8's and below. The new rules are aimed at making football 'non-competitive' for the youngest age groups and leagues for this age group will run on a 'friendly' basis. Also the reporting & recording the outcome of Under 8's football has been reviewed with new restrictions outlined. This is in accordance with new guidelines administered from the FA and in turn through the KCFA and the MNYL. Thamesview Youth Football Club, being affiliated members of the MNYL and the KCFA, will be obviously adhering to the guidelines in full. In addition, this season sees the introduction of the 'RESPECT' campaign being run by the FA, which again Thamesview Youth Football Club will be supporting fully.

Please see below some bullet points that need to be understood and followed accordingly: -

UNDER 8's

Statement from the MNYL: ***"The publication of any results and/or tables for U/7s or U/8s will not be permitted. This includes club websites. The M.N.Y.L. will refer any club in breach of this to the K.C.F.A. (page 50 K.C.F.A. handbook 2007/08)."*** This statement also applies to Match Reports.

- The league will hold ALL fixture information including results & tables.
- Results/Reports & Tables will not be reported in the Local Papers.
- Results/Reports & Tables will not be reported on the MNYL website.
- Results/Reports & Tables will not be reported on the TYFC website.
- Squad/Player/Team statistics will be recorded with the exception of Results/Reports & Tables on the TYFC website.
- Historical Results/League positions for any Under 8's data will be removed/appropriately edited on the TYFC website.
- Under 8's summer friendly Results/Reports will be removed and/or not reported on the TYFC website.
- No Results/Reports & Tables must be entered on to the TYFC Guestbook – Entries will be monitored and moderated or removed accordingly if found in breach of the restrictions detailed above.

RESPECT

Respect is The FA's programme of activities to combat unacceptable behaviour in our game at every level - on the pitch and from the sidelines. See the FA website for more detailed information:

<http://www.thefa.com/TheFA/Respect/>

The FA hope that RESPECT will ensure a safe, positive environment for everyone to enjoy football. From the start it will have an impact on the following areas:

- **Referee recruitment and retention:** By tackling abuse towards match officials, we hope to reduce the stream of referees understandably leaving the game.
- **Participation within youth football:** Abuse and pressure from the sidelines needs to stop if we are to ensure young children enjoy, stay and progress in the game.
- **Coaching and player development:** An encouraging and player-centred approach is vital if we are to improve coaching standards - particularly for the key 5-11 age-group. It's simple: better coaches produce better players.
- **Safeguarding children:** Everyone in football has a duty of care towards children - ensuring they are able to play football in a safe, enjoyable environment free of abuse, bullying and discrimination.

Improving behaviour is a whole-game issue and the 2008-09 season will see the Respect programme introduced at professional and grassroots levels.

Thank you for your time in reading this communication and I hope that you and your children enjoy the new season under these new guidelines.

Yours in Sport,

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