

In light of recent correspondence from the FA and in regard to their RESPECT campaign we are required to issue a Positive Attitude to Football Policy for training. Whilst we do not believe we have any issues at Huddersfield United we would ask you to read this and make all players aware of what is expected of them.

Going forward these will be the requirements for all training sessions:

1. All players to arrive ready to train in appropriate training wear including correct footwear. In winter we would recommend warm base-layer clothing is worn on colder nights, in summer on harder ground there may be occasions when we recommend trainers are worn rather than boots.

Standard requirements are an appropriate top, shorts or tracksuit bottoms, and football socks with shin-pads on for all sessions. Most training includes game elements so shin-pads must be worn throughout.

2. Players need to arrive on time and ready to begin – all training times will be made clear in WhatsApp groups throughout the season including any changes to the regular schedules.

3. We do have spares of certain items of clothing and we are hoping to eventually operate some form of boot exchange down the ages too – please talk to us if you need anything and we will try to help with this. As a community we do not want any player to feel like they have to miss out due to not having the correct clothing/footwear – we're here to help.

4. During training we will operate a simple policy in regard to a player's behaviour. If any individual's behaviour is not acceptable it will be treated as a referee would on the pitch. For most offences there will be an initial warning, then a yellow card if required. A further instance will receive a red. Yellow cards will be held over for the next training session, any time a coach has to issue a card it will be reported to the parent or contact we have for the player so they are aware of the situation. A red card will mean that player will sit out the rest of that session and we will speak to the parent/carer involved about the incident and any further sanction on a case-to-case basis. Serious issues will be dealt with on an individual basis and may require further action – our club welfare officer will be made aware and will contact the parent and coach to chat with them independently and investigate.

As stated we are confident we have no immediate issues at our club but it has become necessary to stay within guidelines to formalise our policy on the recommendation of the FA. As a committee we would just like to restate if your child needs help in regard to appropriate clothing or footwear please let us know – we can and want to help with this!