



# Stockport County Ladies FC

How the Club works...  
...things you need to know!

## General Information

Stockport County Ladies FC is a 'grassroots' football club run entirely by volunteers; we have no paid staff. We are financially and administratively independent of Stockport County FC. The Club is funded by player membership payments. We run teams from Under 9s up to our Senior First Team playing in the FA Women's National League at tier four in the Women's Football Pyramid – equivalent to League Two in the Men's game.

All Junior training takes place on Wednesday evenings, 6.00-7.30 at Stockport Sports Village. SK6 1QX.

Senior training Wednesday evenings, 7.30-9.00 at Stockport Sports Village. SK6 1QX Any additional sessions will be notified by the team manager on the appropriate WhatsApp group.

## Members Conduct

All members, players, parents/carers and supporters are expected to abide by the FA Respect codes of conduct that can be found on the Club website or the FA website. The Club will take action, within FA guidelines, against anyone contravening these codes.

Particular emphasis is placed on respect for match officials at all levels and appropriate behaviour of supporters at Junior matches – **Do Not** coach from the touchline! Members are also reminded that, when wearing match kit, they are representing the Club's sponsors.

## Finance and Membership Payments

The Club is funded by Players Annual Membership payments.

Juniors £240, Seniors £300 for Season 2023-24

This amount can be paid in full at the start of the season, or in instalments.

Juniors - £60 deposit and 3 x £60, Sep/Oct/Nov 2023

Seniors - £75 deposit and 3 x 75, Sep/Oct/Nov 2023

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The deposit must be paid **before** players can be signed as members for the season or registered to play in a league.

Players/Parents are responsible for ensuring their membership payments are up to date. If payments are in arrears eligibility for match selection can be withdrawn at the discretion of the Committee

Players joining later in the season will pay a reduced fee depending on the date of joining. Anyone experiencing difficulty with membership payments should contact a committee member.

Some leagues our teams play in also require a 'match fee' to pay match officials. This will be administered by your team Manager.

## WhatsApp Groups

All team arrangements are conducted on a WhatsApp group with the team Manager as admin. All WhatsApp groups are monitored by a Committee Member. These groups are for SCLFC team information only and should **not** be used for general social chat as this can obscure the principal purpose of the group. Parents/players are free to set up their own groups for this.

To comply with Data Protection Legislation club groups cannot be used to promote any goods/services/events/fundraising that are not directly related to the club. All group members are expected to abide by FA Respect codes when posting on club groups. Anyone posting messages that do not comply with FA and Club guidelines may be removed from the group, without notice, and asked to meet with committee members.

Please do not use WhatsApp to contact committee members directly unless the issue is urgent or of a confidential nature. We are always available at training and prefer to talk. Other issues please use email, check with your manager first or look on the Club website.

## Match Kit and Related

Match kit is provided to all Club members registered to play League Matches. This kit remains property of SCLFC and must be returned to the Club at the end of the season in good condition. Match kit must only be worn when playing league matches for SCLFC.

Training kit is available for players to buy through the club. All training kit is brought to order, we do not hold any 'stock' of kit. Delivery times can be variable due to supply chain issues outside the control of the club. Details of how to order will be posted on team WhatsApp groups in due course.

Players/Parents are reminded that, if required, suitable eyewear, that complies with FA guidance, must be worn for training and matches. Also, no jewellery, including stud earrings, will be allowed. Referees may ask players to leave the pitch if this is not observed.

## Teams/Matches

All team selection for league matches is the responsibility of the Team Manager.

Teams up to Under11s play in non-competitive leagues. Team selection up to this level will try and give equal playing time to all players, within the constraints of the match rules and availability of players.

Players are responsible for paying any FA fines resulting from bookings/sendings-off when playing for the Club.

Pitch availability for teams playing home fixtures at SSV will be allocated as equally as possible between teams. Suitable pitches are at a premium with the growth of Junior football, and, during winter months, when grass pitches become unplayable due to the weather, some fixture cancellations are inevitable. The Committee will do their best, within the resources available, to minimise this.

## Social Media and Photography

Parents/players are free to post content relating to the Club and matches. For teams playing in non-competitive leagues (up to Under11s) scores and results must not be posted in accordance with FA guidelines. All posts should be respectful of the opposition and match officials. Inappropriate posts will be brought to the attention of the committee. If you are unsure about content, please check with the Media Officer.

Photography of Junior matches is permitted but must be in accordance with the FA guidelines which are posted on the Club website and the FA site.

## Volunteer/Support

The Club is always grateful for any help you can offer. If you have any skills/specialities that could be useful to support the Club please talk to a Committee member.

Matchday 'Secretaries' are helpful to all Junior managers to help with matchday forms/admin/referees fees, leaving the Managers free to deal with the team – ask your manager about this.

First Team match support. Extra help at First Team home games is always helpful, turnstile operators, matchday hosts, media assistants etc.... free entry to the game for volunteers!

Events. If you have an idea for a club fundraiser or social event let us know. We'd like to do more of these but are currently limited by a lack of volunteers.

### Useful Contacts: -

Club Website – General Club info and links [www.stockportcountyafc.com](http://www.stockportcountyafc.com)

FA Full Time – results and fixtures <https://fulltime.thefa.com/home/index.html>

Cheshire County FA - <https://www.cheshirefa.com/>

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