

FPCA Football Club – Kit & Equipment Policy

1. Purpose

This policy sets out how FPCA FC allocates, manages, and retains kit and equipment provided to players. It ensures that all players understand their responsibilities and that the club can continue to operate sustainably as a free-to-play grassroots football club.

2. Ownership of Kit

- All kits (match kits, training kits, and club wear) are the property of FPCA Football Club.
- Players are issued kit for use during their time at the club.
- If a player leaves the club, all issued kit must be returned in full.
- If kit is not returned, the following charges will apply:
- £50 for a match kit
- £150 for a full club kit

3. Allocation of Kit

- **Match Kit:**
- Every registered player will receive a match kit at the start of the season.
- **Training Kit & Club Wear:**
- Issued approximately 6–8 weeks into the season once squads are settled and committed players are confirmed.
- Stock is held at the club's supplier and allocated once sponsors' payments have been received.
- **Boots (Optional):**
- Where parents opt for sleeve sponsorship Option 2, a pair of boots will be provided.
- Boots will only be ordered once parents have supplied correct sizing and boot type required.

4. Sponsorship & Costs

- **Team Sponsorship:**
- Team sponsors fund the cost of match kits.
- Sponsors typically commit to a three-season deal, which includes:
- One free kit size adjustment per player over the three seasons
- Discounted rates for replacement kits if needed in later seasons
- **Sleeve Sponsorship:**
- Covers the cost of player registration and insurance.
- Sleeve sponsorships run on a one-season basis.
- Parents may renew sleeve sponsorship each season if they wish to continue supporting the player in this way.

5. Care & Responsibilities

- Players and parents are responsible for:
- Looking after all issued kit and ensuring it is kept in good condition.
- Washing kits regularly in line with care instructions.
- Returning kit promptly if leaving the club.
- Damaged or lost kit may need to be replaced at cost.

6. End of Player's Time with FPCA FC

- When a player leaves FPCA FC, all club property (kit, boots if supplied, and any other equipment) must be returned.
- Failure to return will result in the appropriate charge being issued to cover replacement costs