

Attending CDYFL games at K2 & Broadfield 3G.



Maidenbower Colts FC are proud to have your Player representing our football club in the Crawley & District Youth Football League.

The Crawley & District Youth Football League is a **non-competitive Mini-Soccer league with teams ranging from U7 to U10. Whilst scores will be logged by the league, this is only done to ensure teams are playing against suitable opposition. We must also insist that scores are not posted on social media by parents.**

Here is some useful and important information for attending games at both K2 and Broadfield 3G.

THE FA's MINI-SOCCER PHILOSOPHY:

" We all want children to enjoy playing and fall in love with football from an early age. Mini-Soccer and Futsal are both designed to allow children to do just that. They both have a key role to play in the development of young players in the Foundation Phase. We want to create an environment that is exciting, memorable and one that keeps children coming back. We ask all coaches to see them as children first, rather than kids who might be good at football. These games have to have laws of course, but the overriding message for us all is to make it fun and enjoyable."

Peter Sturges FA National Lead Coach & FIFA Futsal Instructor

For further information on Mini-Soccer, it's rules and guidelines, please take a look through the **FA's Mini-Soccer Handbook.**

VENUE ADDRESS

Broadfield 3G: Winfield Way, Crawley, RH11 9RX. Parking at Broadfield Stadium

K2 3G Pitches: K2 Leisure centre, Pease Pottage Hill, Crawley, RH11 9QB. Parking onsite.

FIRST AID

Maidenbower Colts FC Coaches are FA qualified First Aiders and will carry an approved First Aid Kit. A Defibrillator can be found mounted on the wall of the Pavilion by the doors to the changing rooms.

The nearest Hospital is Crawley Hospital, which has a Urgent Treatment Centre.

Postcode: RH11 7DH

SPECTATING

We think it's great that you will be there to enjoy watching your Player. Positive support and encouragement is always very welcome.

Children will make mistakes during a game. It's inevitable and is all part of the learning process. Please let your Player's Coach address these if need be.

Please refrain from giving instruction or coaching from the sidelines. Please do not become overly vocal and please do not get involved in disputes over decisions made by the Coaches or officials. This will have a negative effect on your Player's experience and you are representing our football club whilst spectating.

AT BROADFIELD 3G

Spectators are expected to stand behind the green metal fixed spectator barriers at all times, without exception. Please do not stand on the 3G surface - even if you see others doing so. The Coaches/Referees are within their rights to not start a game until all spectators are at a safe distance. They will also stop a game if anyone moves onto the 3G area. Whilst Mini-Soccer must always be fun, it absolutely must be safe.

AT K2 3G PITCHES

The spectating area is far more restricted at K2. There are no fixed spectator barriers. We therefore ask that you do not stand in the coaching margins in between each of the 3 pitches. Please only stand at the goal ends of each pitch - even if you see other spectators doing so. The Coaches/Referees are within their rights to not start a game until all spectators are off the field of play and at a safe distance. They will also stop the game if anyone is standing too close to the pitch, on the white lines or in the coaching margins and will not restart the game until the area is clear. Whilst Mini-Soccer must always be fun, it absolutely must be safe.

The FA's ENOUGH IS ENOUGH CAMPAIGN

Football has a unique power to deliver amazing benefits to young Players and communities.

However, for all the good that football can bring, sadly last season, at all levels of the game, there were too many examples of unacceptable behaviours that had the opposite impact.

At the grassroots level, these included swearing, aggressive shouting and persistent arguing among spectators, players and officials. More information on this campaign can be found [here](#)

The CDYFL League will be proactively seeking out, calling out and logging any such behaviour directly with the FA as part of this campaign. The offending club will be monitored, may receive fines, sanctions and could be removed from the league. We as a football club will be supporting this action with a zero tolerance policy.

MAIDENBOWER COLTS FC CODES OF CONDUCT

Maidenbower Colts FC have a zero tolerance of abusive behaviour towards Players of either team, Coaching Staff, Referee or Linesmen and other spectators. Any such behaviour could result in the cancellation of Club Membership.

Further detail on Maidenbower Colts FC's Codes of Conduct can be found by visiting our club website [here](#)