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PART OF ENGLAND FOOTBALL

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# WATCHET TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

## PAYMENT POLICY

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# 1. Introduction

Watchet Town Football Club endeavours to provide football for all and as such want to make sure that financial circumstances should not affect a child's ability to play football at Watchet Town and as such we look to provide this at a reasonable fee. Similarly, in the event that a child's parent/carers or guardians have stopped paying subs, a reasonable procedure is in place to resolve such a situation. To that end, this payment policy has been agreed by the club in order to support these objectives.

## 2. Payment Expectations

The following is expected of parents/carers or guardians:

- Payment of subs via standing order inline with the clubs pricing structure
- Payments to be paid on first of the month (unless otherwise agreed) with the child's name & age group as the reference

For Example - Bloggs A U13 (or U13G for a girls team)

## 3. Missed Payment Procedure

We rely on subscriptions to fund the youth teams, however, if a parent/carer or guardian is unable to make regular payments to the club then the following procedure will apply:

1. Once informed by the Football Secretary/Treasurer of the missed payment no later than 7 days after due, the Manager to approach the relevant parent/carer or guardian and inform them of missed payment and/or overdue subs and ask for them to settle this as soon as possible.
2. After month 1. If no attempt is made to settle overdue subs after the initial contact the Football Secretary/Treasurer will inform the manager and the manager is to contact the parent/carer or guardian who will be informed that unless a payment is made the child will have to miss matches and training. At this point the manager will also advise the parent, carer or guardian that if they wish to speak with the club Football Secretary or welfare officer they are free to do so regarding their financial situation.
3. After month 2. If no payment is received and the football secretary or welfare officer have not been contacted, the football secretary will inform the parent, carer or guardian that the child is no longer able to play or train until a payment has been received.
4. After month 3. If no payment has been received and no contact has been made with the welfare officer then the Football Secretary will write to the parent, carer or guardian and inform them that their child is

no longer a playing member of Watchet Town Football Club. If at this point payment is received in full, then the child is welcome to continue to play.

## 4. Repeated Incidents

In some cases missed payments for a child may be a recurring problem. The club recognise that there may be underlying reasons as to why payments have stopped or been missed. In this event the club will explore ways in which to help individuals before taking penalty action against the child as set out in section 3. These can include:

- Contacting/Meeting with the parent/carer or guardian to discuss hardship
- Offering support via the FA access football fund or the Adam Stansfield Foundation
- Changing the way subs is paid. E.g. cash payments rather than standing orders
- Agreeing that due to hardship the club will not ask for subs

If it transpires that the above is not applicable and the club understand that the missed payments are not connected to hardship then the following will apply:

- Child will be suspended until subs are paid in full along with any owed subs
- The child will be removed from Watchet Town membership