

## Beacon Hill Rovers' Youth Player Development Policy

Beacon Hill Rovers' Youth teams focus on Player Development. Our Coaches encourage players to play to the best of their ability; enjoying their football in a safe and supportive environment.

To enable this to happen our Coaches work to the following four principles:

1. We encourage skilful and creative football.
2. We encourage respect for all and discourage foul play.
3. All players who want to play in matches will get at least 50% of available pitch-time over the season.
4. We always play to win but not at the cost of the first three principles.

*The above policy is part of our Club's Constitution. The following points provide some more detail of how these principles will be applied:*

1. *We will help players develop their basic skills and techniques to allow them to go on and enjoy a long career in football at their highest possible level. As they get older we will link with Beacon Hill's adult teams to facilitate a transition into Adult Football.*
2. *We will always adhere to the Club's Code of Conduct.*
3. *We will ensure an equitable approach to team selection to help us meet the Player Development aspects of Principles 1 and 2. For example, if a team has 20 matches, every player will get the equivalent of 10 matches pitch-time. Should a player be unavailable this will obviously be reduced, for example, if they are unavailable for 10 matches out of 20 they will get 5 matches pitch-time. Coaches will keep a record of players' pitch-time (5 min blocks) and unavailability. If a squad is more than twice the size of a team (e.g. a squad of 15 or more for a 7-a-side team) then available pitch-time is pro-rata. All matches except knock-out cup matches will be included in the record.*
4. *We will teach and model for our players how to deal with victory and defeat equally. Respect for all is the key thing here.*

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