



Club ethos and philosophy

We believe that football should be a fun and positive experience, which builds players' confidence and encourages their personal development and teamwork. Winning can be fun, but should not be the purpose of youth football.

We are an inclusive club. We welcome all girls and boys from age five who wish to play football. We provide a safe and supportive community-based environment. All players have the opportunity to develop their footballing skills through appropriate coaching and being part of a team. We want to inspire young people to develop in football and in life.

We are one of the biggest clubs in Oxfordshire and have multiple teams in most age groups, allowing us to accommodate players at all levels. All it takes to create a new team is for a parent/carer to step forward as manager and obtain the right qualifications and support from the club.

Bicester Park FC is a volunteer-run organisation. Parents and carers are expected to attend games and training (especially in the younger age groups), to support the manager on match days (setting up the pitches, running the line, etc.), and to help as volunteers at the annual club events and tournaments. We seek to encourage a culture where volunteering for the club is second nature.

Players and parents/carers are asked to sign up to the club's codes of conduct when becoming a member, respecting the decisions of match officials and positively encouraging players at all times. Youth football is about the experience of the child, not the ambitions of the adult. Bicester Park encourages the pursuit of excellence, and embraces the nature of football as a competitive sport. But experience has shown that teams (and their supporters) who emphasise fun and learning over winning are generally happier and stick together for longer, for this reason we strive to adhere to equal playing time for our teams up to U11. However throughout our age groups, the focus will always be building a fun and supportive environment for all players to enjoy football.