

Academy Ethos

Oadby Owls prides itself as having one of the best mini soccer Academy's in the country. It is the prized asset of the club and provides the foundation stone for the numerous mini soccer teams that operate as part of Oadby Owls Juniors FC.

The Academy is the primary place to get noticed and to get selected for the limited places within the Oadby Owls mini soccer teams.

The Club recognises that not all children are able or indeed want to commit to being a member of a mini soccer team. The Academy is available to all children irrespective of ability. The emphasis of the Academy is that whilst developing football skills the children have fun and enjoyment.

However, the management committee want to emphasise that the ethos of the club is; "That we ensure that those children who do play in our teams need to attend the Academy on a regular basis".

The management committee consider regular basis of attendance is a minimum of 50% throughout the year and believe it is not fair on the children who support the Academy to be kept out of a team by another child who only joins Oadby Owls to play in a team.

In addition we would like to remind all appointed Mini Soccer Managers and their Assistants that they are also expected to attend regularly and take an active role in the Academy. As a guideline we would like to see coaches attend at least 50% of the sessions with the age group always ensuring that there are sufficient coaches to manage the session.

Obviously it is not always possible in all cases for all players and coaches to attend on a Saturday due to work, family commitments, financial reasons or other important responsibilities. If anyone has a reason why they cannot attend & participate regularly, the club needs to know on an individual basis. The club will look sympathetically on most cases and help with financial hardship cases where advised.

The message from the management committee is the Academy is here to stay and must be supported by our Coaches and players. Those who do support the Academy regularly will be looked upon to be given priority in playing and coaching the mini soccer teams.

Please understand this is a note to remind all Coaches, Managers & players about the importance of being a complete part of Oadby Owls FC and not just a part of a mini soccer team.

We are very proud of the numbers that attend the Academy are ever increasing (we regularly exceed 200 children) and this provides an indication of the success and high regard the Academy is held.

The bottom line is we hope the Managers, Coaches & children enjoy attending the Academy and those players who attend regularly get rewarded with a place in a team.