

# Merton Football Club

## Members' Joining Pack Season 2016/17

### Additional information for season 2016/17

**Membership fees** – The full rate will be £75 for the season. Memberships must be paid by the end of August. Lower rates of £30 are being offered to under 21's as from this season. Full details of the membership fees policy are available at <http://mertonfc.co.uk/membership/>

**Discount** – If an existing member from last season introduces a completely new member the two memberships will be charged at £100 for the two. (three will cost £150 and so on)

**Club Membership** – Only players who are paid members of the club will be available for selection for official league and cup games. The first official games start on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016. We will be fielding six teams, all of whom will be competing in various divisions within the Southern Amateur League (SAL). Each team will also be entered into the Amateur Football Alliance (AFA) Cup.

**Discipline** – Season 2015/16 was slightly better than the previous season, however there is still room for improvement. Full details of the disciplinary code are available at <http://mertonfc.co.uk/disciplinary/>

**Selection policy** – The SAL states that “in all matches in which it competes, each Club shall play its strongest team in its 1st XI, its second strongest team in its 2nd XI and so on” and that “clubs are expected to hold regular selection meetings or a comparable electronic selection programme to select sides of relative sectional strength”. This rule is the guiding principle of the selection policy of Merton Football Club. The details and structure of the policy are available at <http://mertonfc.co.uk/merton-fc-team-selection-policy/>

**Hospitality and respect** – Merton Football Club aims to enhance its status as a hospitable and friendly club and as such all players are expected to go into the bar after games and socialise with your team mates, the opposition and the referee. This helps engender team spirit, which is developed as much off the pitch as it is on it. In particular, every player has a responsibility to make new players feel welcome to the Club. A meal is provided to home and away teams after league and cup games. All players need to be mindful that most pitches that we play on are situated within public areas and therefore we must ensure that we keep dissent and swearing to an absolute minimum so as to not offend passers-by. We must also ensure that we show respect to the other occupants / neighbours of the playing area / club house, such as the local Bowls Club, Council staff and the houses on the perimeter of the pitches.

Team management – contact details will be posted on the website

## Merton Football Club

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Received By \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Received \_\_\_\_\_ as Cash/Cheque

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Application Form

Season 2016/2017

I have read, understood and will respect the Merton Football Club Players' Charter

(please tick)

Please complete in BLOCK Capitals

Full name		
	If you completed last year's equivalent of this form and all of your contact details remain unchanged, please tick the following box and move to the fees section.	
Address		
Town		
County		
Post code		
Date of birth		
Primary e-mail address		
Phone number (Pref. mobile)		
Previous clubs		

Category	Membership Fee	Match Fee	Please Tick
playing	£75	£10	
playing 16-21 (on or before 31/8/2016)	£30	£5	
playing(member for part of season – refer to membership rates guidance)	£75 pro rata	£10	

There are three payment methods available:

- **Cheque**                      Made payable to 'Merton Football Club'
  - **Cash**
  - **Bank transfer**              Bank: Barclays, Wallington Sutton Group Branches  
Account name: Merton Football Club  
Account number: 50639109  
Sort code: 20-84-17
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- **N.B.** If paying by **BANK TRANSFER**, it is important that your name is within the payment reference otherwise there is no way of knowing that the payment is from you - this will delay the processing of your membership. Additionally, this form will still require completion and is to be returned to Michael Todt in person or by e-mail to [mertonfc@btinternet.com](mailto:mertonfc@btinternet.com).

**OFFICIAL USE ONLY - To be completed only by a Merton FC team manager or club official**

**Receipt**

Merton Football Club Membership received with thanks from \_\_\_\_\_

Amount (£) \_\_\_\_\_ On (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

*The information you supply will be used by Merton Football Club for administrative purposes within the terms of the Data Protection Act 1998. Your name, address and date of birth will be entered onto the WHOLE GAME registration database but we shall not supply it to third parties.*

*MEMBER'S JOINING PACK – SEASON 2016/17*

*Before applying please read the following. You can download the form at the end of this page.*

**CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

*Only players who are fully paid up members of the club will be deemed available for selection for official league and cup games. The first official games start on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2016. New members will be given two weeks grace to decide whether or not to join the club and thereafter be required to pay the aforesaid membership fees in order to be selected.*

**MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR SENIORS**

*We play our matches on Saturdays & membership for senior members are £75). The weekly match fee (subs) are £10.00.*

**SELECTION POLICY**

*The Southern Amateur League states that "in all matches in which it competes, each club shall play its strongest 1<sup>st</sup> X1, its second strongest team in its 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 and so on." "Clubs are expected to hold regular selection meetings or a comparable electronic selection programme to select sides of relative sectional strength". It is these rules, along with the fact all players are members of MERTON FOOTBALL CLUB and should be available for selection for any team that he is selected for. This is the main principle of the selection policy. The details and structure of the policy are to be found in detail in the players charter as well as the website [www.mertonfc.co.uk](http://www.mertonfc.co.uk).*

**TRAINING**

*Each player is responsible for their own physical fitness. Attendance is encouraged and preferable but not yet compulsory, however training is likely to affect selection and there may be occasions when attendance is required. Winter training takes place at St Marks Academy, Arcacia Road, Mitcham, CR4 1SF on Wednesday evenings from 8pm to 9:30pm but you are required to arrive around 7:45pm to allow time to warm up correctly. Visit the training page on the club website for directions.*

**HEALTH CHECK**

*Your health is important to us as a club and caring individuals. With this in mind the club has this season put into place several health and safety measures. Each team will contain at least 2 fully trained first aiders, while a first aid kit and a defibrillator will be mandatory. All managers will be trained how to use it too.*

*You will be required to complete a declaration of any health issues that you may have, along with contact details in the event of serious injury. You are reminded that it is your responsibility to inform your manager of any change in your health that might affect either your ability to play or train.*

*You must disclose any health issues including, diabetes, asthma, heart conditions or epilepsy. Or any other condition that may affect you.*