

Kit and Clothing Regulations

New Kit Colour

In line with Rule 19 of the FA Standard Code of Rules and Standard Code of Rules for Youth Football

“No Player, including the goalkeeper, shall be permitted to wear black or very dark shirts”.

This is so that teams do not clash with the match officials, as they must have a black shirt as default and not all leagues/competitions allow referees to wear different coloured shirts as in the professional leagues.

So please do not purchase a predominantly black or dark coloured strip.

If you are unsure, please speak with the CFA before purchasing to avoid any potential issues with being unable to use the kit during the season.

If you are getting a new kit then please share this with us using #CFAKitReveal2024

New Kit Sponsors

In line with FA regulations, it is not allowed to have any distasteful, threatening, abusive, indecent, insulting, discriminatory or otherwise ethically or morally offensive message on any item of clothing (this includes any item of clothing, football boots or other equipment).

In terms of U18 teams or teams comprising of all U18 players it is not permitted to display a product, service or other activity which is considered detrimental to the welfare, health, or general interest of young persons, or is otherwise considered to be inappropriate.

This includes pubs/bars, gambling companies including online competitions, smoking/vaping etc.

Where pubs/public houses include restaurants, bistros, accommodation etc. then these may be permissible to sponsor U18 teams. However, premises which exclusively, or primarily exists for the supply and consumption of alcohol are prohibited. If you are in doubt, please check with The CFA before agreeing any such sponsorship.

So basically, if the company/product can't be accessed by that individual who is playing for the team e.g. U18, U18, then that company/product cannot be displayed on clothing, kit or equipment. For more information on kit advertising please go to <https://www.thefa.com/football-rules-governance/policies/kit-advertising>

Any questions then please speak with the County FA.

Kit Numbers and Names

In line with FA Standard Code of Rules all shirts must be numbered.

Also, in line with the FA Standard Code of Rules for Youth Football, due to safeguarding reasons, the names of Youth Players shall not appear on the shirt.

Old Kit

If you are replacing clothing, or even boots, for the upcoming season rather than throw it away have you thought about starting your own kit/boot exchange at your club where people can bring old kit and exchange for other donated kit?

Alternatively with playing kits you can look to donate to various charities including:

Kit Aid

Kits for causes

Or please speak with The CFA and we will see if we can pass onto a local charity or organisation.