



## **Ballinkeer St Johns Playing/Training Gear and Equipment Policy January 2022**

At the end of each season, (during Nov) the Club will undergo an equipment review for footballs and sliotars, with a view to having it completed by the end of November. Each CCC1 group and each individual team in CCC2 and minor teams must provide a breakdown to their coordinator of the equipment that they have in stock and identify the quantity of each size football and sliotar that they have. For CCC2 teams each team, ie A,B,C,D teams, should provide their own stocktake count. This stocktake should include any additional footballs or sliotars either purchased or sponsored during the year. Any footballs or sliotars that are very worn and where it is viewed that they should be replaced will be assessed also as part of the stocktake and equipment review. This stocktake will determine what footballs and sliotars are to be passed back to younger teams and in turn if any additional footballs and sliotars are to be purchased or sponsorship sought to top up supplies. Normal wastage of equipment and sliotars over a playing season is considered at 50% for sliotars and 20% for footballs and that any team with wastage above this, it is our policy that gear will not be replaced by the club. We will consider cases, where a team can explain where the gear is gone and why they feel they deserve new. Ballinkeer St Johns will base our annual equipment order and equipment top up requirements for any new footballs and sliotars on the number of registered players per team at the time of the order.

Teams are not permitted to pass or swap footballs or sliotars between teams unless it is approved by their co-ordinator and Juvenile Chair. Following the stocktake, an assessment on team footballs and sliotars will be provided to the Executive, with any recommendations regarding new stock required.

Each ladies and boys football team that joins CCC2 at u13, will receive 2 O'Neills match balls. These balls which cost €50 each must be minded and mentors must ensure that they are gathered up after each match both home and away. It is the lead mentor's responsibility to ensure that this happens. Teams must appoint a designated person to ensure that this happens at the end of each match. This person would also ideally be responsible for managing team equipment and logistics. The Club will not replace any missing or lost match footballs. U13 teams joining ccc2 will also be supplied with training footballs and sliotars, unless they have received a sponsor for this equipment. Where equipment is available, footballs and sliotars will be passed back from older groups.

At u8, when boys and girls teams leave nursery and join ccc1, they will be supplied with footballs and sliotars (some of this may come as pass back from older groups), a first aid kit, set of player training bibs and poles and cones (unless they have received a sponsor for this equipment). Where equipment is available, footballs and sliotars will be passed back from older groups.

All teams must be self-financing including jerseys, pump, first aid kit, bibs, cones, poles, whistles. The Juvenile Team Sponsorship Scheme is there to support teams in providing the essential equipment, jerseys and team building activities that are required. Teams will be encouraged to seek sponsorship for these essentials.

If a team is sponsored for or purchases (using the funds in their team finance account) additional equipment, they should notify their ccc1 or ccc2 coordinator.

Teams should order any footballs and sliotars required through the club shop so as to avail of better rates. Also, where possible footballs and sliotars should have the BSJ logo or name on them so that they are identified and to avoid confusion after matches. Please allow at least 4 weeks for BSJ branded footballs and sliotars.

Respect for club equipment and property and the avoidance of waste, damage or loss of footballs, sliotars etc must be insisted on.

It is club policy that all players wear club socks and shorts / skorts during matches and it is the responsibility of the mentors to ensure that this policy is strictly adhered to. Club Socks and shorts / skorts may be purchased by players in the club shop.

If teams are fortunate to acquire sponsorship for jerseys or equipment as detailed in the Juvenile Team Sponsorship Policy Document, they should pass the old jerseys and equipment down the line to younger teams. This should be coordinated through your CCC1 Or CCC2 coordinator. Teams should not pass equipment to other teams or mentors without the approval of your coordinator and Juvenile Chair

At the end of each year there should be an assessment to see if there are any jerseys, bibs, footballs / sliotars or agility equipment that can be passed back to younger teams.

It is the responsibility of team mentors to drive utilise the Team Sponsorship Scheme to help find sponsors for their teams. At the end of each year the equipment committee will assess how teams are getting on with regard to obtaining sponsorship for their teams and if they need any help in driving this initiative and sourcing sponsors. If a team has sourced more sponsors than required or has found a significant sponsorship opportunity, it will need to be discussed with the Communications and Fundraising Team so that other teams or the Club benefits as appropriate.

Jerseys are the only clothing that can be sponsored or funded by a juvenile team. All funding and sponsorship should be utilised for essential areas as outlined in the Juvenile team Sponsorship document. These areas are footballs, sliotars, agility equipment, first aid kits, mentors bibs and player training bibs and team building activities.

Currently O'Neill's are the only approved supplier of jerseys to Ballinteer St Johns. To place an order for team jerseys, please contact the club shop. Individual teams should not contact O'Neill's directly unless approved by the Shop Committee. Any deviation from approved Ballinteer St Johns designs is not permitted. Except in the case where a team sponsor requires a direct invoice from O'Neill's, invoices should be sent directly to the club.

Ensure that players treat club property as they would treat their own property;

- Clean their boots outside the dressing rooms;
- Hand jerseys back rather than throwing them on the floor and walking on them.