



Magherafelt Sky Blues Under 11 (2002) - Letter to Parents/Guardians/Players

The new season

Welcome to the start of a new season. Football has changed in the last few months and all Under 11 football has to be played as 9-a-side. It is also played on a smaller pitch and smaller goals. This is to ensure players get more touches on the ball and generally improve their skills before playing on a full size pitch.

The teams and the league

Due to the change to 9-a-side we are able to enter two teams (Sky Blues Pumas and Sky Blues Galaxy) into the North West and Coleraine Youth league. We aim to take two sets of 12 players (9+3 subs) to the games each week. Paul Gribben and Glenn Robinson will be the coaches for each team on alternate weeks. All matches are played at the fixed venue of Ballysally, in Coleraine.

Registration

Please complete the form attached. Do not worry about the photographs as we already have photographs of all the players. We need the form returned ASAP.

Travel

The cost of everything has grown considerably. We aim to take one bus per week which will hold 16 players with the remaining 8 players travelling in cars. The cost each week will be £4 per player.

We will be asking for parents to support the travel arrangements on a weekly basis and appreciate any support you can give. We are lucky as the 2002 players have had great support from parents/guardians over the past year and we would be delighted if this can continue.

Communication

All communication with players will be carried out via the website (www.skybluesfc.net or via Teamer).

Training

A set training night, location and time for each week will be confirmed in the coming weeks.



Dress Code

We, like all clubs, endeavour to remain professional and represent the club no matter where we play. We feel image and branding are important and therefore would ask that all players travel to games with the following dress code (most players should have these items).

- Sky Blues Jumper or Hoodie or Rain Jacket
- Navy tracksuit bottoms
- White trainers

Kit

We would like the players to feel part of one big squad. We have therefore decided to run a sponsor card during September. We want all players to collect a minimum of £40. In return each player will receive a Sky Blues kit which will do them for the next two seasons. We expect the players to wear this kit each week.

	<p>New Umbro Sky Blues shirt with club logo, sponsors logo, squad number (selected randomly) and players name.</p>		<p>Umbro Navy Shorts</p>		<p>Umbro Navy socks</p>
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Feedback and Support

Both coaches welcome parental feedback so please speak to us at any time. Our objective this season is development over success. We are building a squad to enter the NIBFA National League in 2013/14 season and want all the players to deliver their overall skills this season.