



Thundersley Rovers Sports Club

My First Match

For Parents & Guardians

Firstly, I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your family to Thundersley Rovers Sports Club!

Ahead of your child's first match, we've collected some handy tips that should help to make the big day as stress-free as possible – which you may find below.

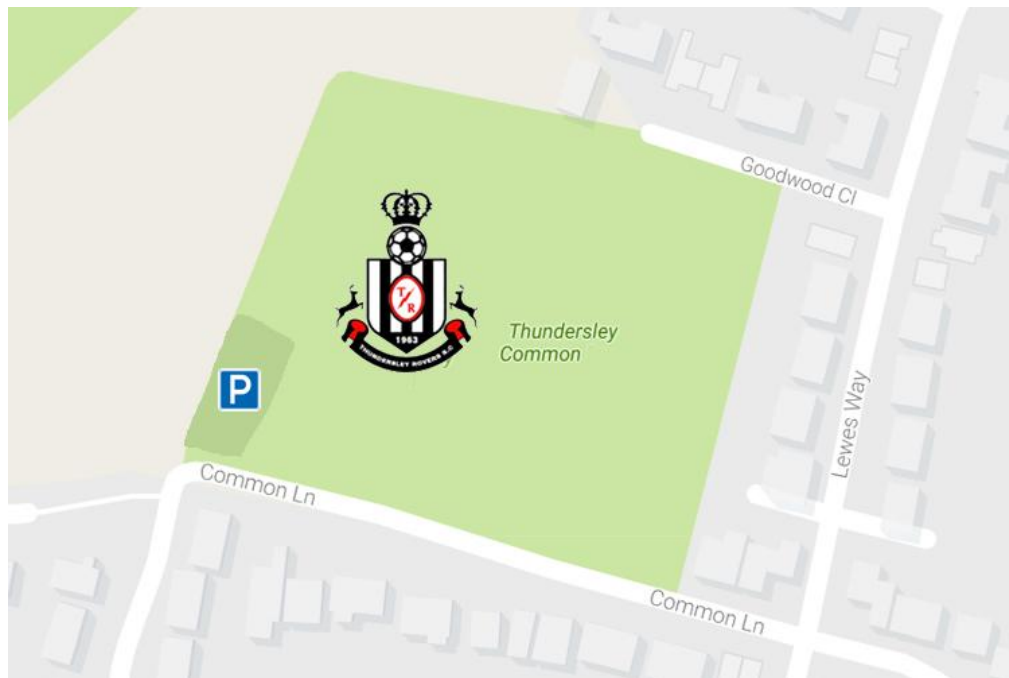
If you have any further questions, please contact your team's Coach or the Club by email at info@thundersleyrovers.co.uk, or via our social media channels (our website's Forum, Facebook or Twitter).

Enjoy the game!

Graeme Howlett
Chairman

Tips for Your First Match

- Please ensure your child arrives fully equipped for their match – full kit (if provided), shin pads, suitable footwear, a change of clothes (in adverse weather conditions) and refreshment/s are mandatory.
- If your child has any medical conditions (Asthma etc) please ensure any related equipment is handed to your child's coach before the match begins.
- Our home matches are staged at Thundersley Common. Unless otherwise indicated, you should arrive 30 minutes ahead of your designated kick-off time.
- There is a small car park on site, however this fills up quickly and visitors are otherwise advised to park on Common Lane or Goodwood Close. Please do not park on any other part of the ground bar the designated car park area, as this can cause lasting damage.



- Please note that parking is prohibited on the corner of Common Lane (as emergency vehicles will be unable to bypass vehicles parked there) and take care not to obstruct residents' access to their properties.
- Refreshments - hot drinks etc - are available on site from the Clubhouse (for the price of a small donation), as are changing rooms and WCs (men's and women's).
- Matches last 30 minutes for U6s, U7s and U8s, 40 minutes for U9s, 50 minutes for U10s and an hour for U11s (all times approximate, please also allow for half-time breaks).
- During each game, team coaches are allotted one side of the pitch and spectators the other. All spectators should stand behind the Respect banner on their designated side of the pitch. Please note that spectators are not allowed to watch the match from behind the goals.
- Match fees will be collected by your team manager on the day of the game. These are £3 per player for U6s, U7s and U8s and £4 per player for U9s and above.
- Coaches will never turn down offers of help to put away goals, flags etc after a match! If you can occasionally assist with these tasks, it will be greatly appreciated.
- Enjoy the game! Please get behind the team and give the players your support – it makes a huge difference.

Spectator Code of Conduct

We **all** have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game. Thundersley Rovers Sports Club is supporting The FA's Respect programme to ensure football can be enjoyed in a safe, positive environment.

Remember that children's football is a time for them to develop their technical, physical, tactical and social skills. Winning isn't everything. Play your part and please observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for spectators and parents/carers at all times:

- Remember that children play for **fun**
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success
- Always respect the match officials' decisions
- Remain outside the field of play and within the designated spectators' area (where provided)
- Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials
- Avoid criticising a player for making a mistake – mistakes are part of learning
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour