



Parents Pack

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INTRODUCTION TO ROSARIO YFC

WHAT IS ROSARIO YFC?

Rosario Youth Football Club (Rosario YFC) is a cross-community football club based at Rosario Youth Club and Ulidia Playing Fields, Ormeau Road, Belfast. Although Rosario has been around for a long time, in recent times the club has greatly extended its junior and underage section.

Rosario YFC fully supports football for all. The club caters for players from the age of 5 upwards. The Academy caters for players (boys & girls) up to the age of 11, with the junior section catering for players between 12 and 18. Under-19s are part of the senior squad. The club is expanding its girls' football and introducing disability football.

Every week during the main season Rosario caters for over 750 children across 54 teams, with 180+ coaches and volunteers. Volunteers must be Access NI approved and attend safeguarding training. The club operates at Ulidia Playing Fields, Aquinas Grammar School, and other local venues.

HOW BIG IS ROSARIO?

Every week during the main season Rosario caters for over 1000 children and over 60 teams. This makes it one of the biggest amateur clubs in Northern Ireland. Rosario is a well-organised club, with over 250 coaches & volunteers and a strong footballing reputation. Rosario YFC is always looking for more volunteers to help out the club in coaching and non-coaching positions. For all roles, volunteers will need to be Access NI approved in advance and attend our safeguarding training sessions. We have coaching and other training courses throughout each season dependent on funding.

WHERE IS ROSARIO BASED?

Rosario plays their home games in Ulidia Playing Fields. Very often teams, volunteers and coaches will also use Aquinas Grammar School, other locations and Rosario Youth Centre on the Ormeau Road. Training is mostly at Aquinas Grammar School on the Ravenhill Road.

CAN ANYONE JOIN ROSARIO?

Yes. Membership is open to all through the Admissions Group. Fees are set annually, and all players, coaches, and parents are expected to sign the club's Codes of Conduct. We are also building strong links with local community groups to encourage participation from every section of the community.

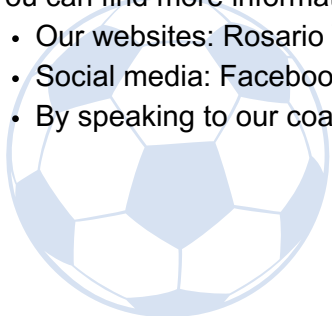
HOW IS ROSARIO GOVERNED?

Rosario YFC is governed by a management committee, which in turn has sub-committees that feed into the main committee. Committee members are elected annually at the club's AGM. Rosario's club development plan outlines how Rosario intends to grow over the next 3 years. In addition, there is a lot of information on Rosario, its committees, constitution and policies & procedures on its website.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

You can find more information on:

- Our websites: Rosario YFC and Rosario Mini-Soccer (Academy)
- Social media: Facebook and Twitter (@RosarioYFC)
- By speaking to our coaches, volunteers, committee members, or General Manager.



MATCH TIME AND PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Coaches are expected, wherever sensible, to give players equal game time, while recognising that certain circumstances may influence this.

A Junior Academy is also in place for Mini Soccer age groups, delivered by A-License coaches. This ensures that players in Rosario's Red Sections receive the same high level of coaching as peers at other clubs.

It is important for parents to understand:

- Coaches are doing their best to support every child.
- Parental engagement and communication are key to supporting decision-making.
- Footballing outcomes at this age are fluid, and the priority is that children enjoy playing.

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Note: Where we refer to 'parents' we mean parents and carers inclusively. The term 'children' or 'child' describes any person under the age of 18.

As a parent of a child taking part in our club or activity, we'd like you to:

- Make sure your child has the right kit for the session as well as a drink.
- Try to make sure your child arrives to sessions on time and is picked up promptly; or let us know if you're running late or if your child is going home with someone else.
- Complete all consent, contact and medical forms and update us straight away if anything changes.
- Make sure your child wears any protective kit we provide for them.
- Maintain a good relationship with your child's coach and catch up with them as much as you can about your child's development.
- Talk to us if you have any concerns about any part of your child's involvement - we want to hear from you.

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- Take the time to talk to your child about what you both want to achieve through sport remember that children get a wide range of benefits from participating in sport, like making friends, getting exercise and developing skills. It's not all about wins and losses.
- Listen when your child says they don't want to do something.
- Behave positively on the sidelines.
- Think about how the way you react and behave effects not just your child but other children too.
- Encourage your child to respect and celebrate difference in the club.
- Lead by example when it comes to positive behaviour on the sidelines; or let other parents take their cues from you, as well as from us.
- Accept the official's judgment and do not enter the field of play.
- Use social media responsibly when talking about what goes on at our club, by behaving in the same way online as you would in person.
- Talk to your child about embracing good etiquette and sportsmanship.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules.
- Ensure that your child understands their code of conduct.

AS A PARENT, WE UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- Be assured that your child is safeguarded during their time with us.
- See any of our policies and procedures at any time (available on the Rosario FC website).
- Know who the safeguarding officer responsible for your child is and have their contact details.
- Be involved and contribute towards decisions within the club or activity.
- Know what training and qualifications our staff have.

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- Be informed of problems or concerns relating to your child.
- Know what happens if there's an accident or injury, be informed if your child is injured and see records of any accidents.
- Have your consent sought for anything outside of our initial consent form, such as permission to go on trips.
- Have any concerns about any aspect of your child's welfare listened to and responded to.

We expect all parents to follow the behaviour's and requests set out in this code. If any parent behaves in a way which contradicts any of the points set out above, we'll address the problem straight away with the parent and aim to resolve the issue.

Persistent concerns or breaches may result in parents being asked not to attend games if their attendance is considered a risk to the welfare and enjoyment of young participants.

Continued issues and repeated breaches of this code may result in us regrettably asking your child to leave the activity, event or club permanently, something we never want to do.

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Rosario YFC strives to contribute to the sporting and social development of children and young people by presenting them with an opportunity to engage in a positive experience of football, at all ages and all abilities. In order for football to be a positive experience for all children and young people, Rosario YFC expects high standards of behaviour to be demonstrated by all players so that everyone can benefit from the positive aspects of the game.

Children and young people have a responsibility to conduct themselves in a manner which does not bring Rosario YFC into disrepute. Any behaviour in breach of Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action.

As a player participating, I will:

- Behave and listen to all instructions from coaches and volunteers.
- Take care of and respect equipment owned by Rosario (known as the Club), or a rented facility.
- Refrain from behaviour that will bring the Club into disrepute.
- Refrain from the use of foul, abusive, racial, discriminatory and sectarian references.
- Refrain from bullying behaviour or the persistent use of rough and dangerous play.
- Refrain from engaging in inappropriate use of social media – this includes posting comments or images on social media sites that may cause harm to other users or bring the Club into disrepute.
- Report inappropriate behaviour.
- Never tell lies about other adults, children or young people.
- Respect my coach and teammates.
- Show respect to other players, staff and volunteers.
- Respect officials and accept their decisions.
- Respect opponents and not cheat.
- Play fairly.
- Be gracious in defeat.
- Not use violence.
- Shake hands with the other team and the referee at the end of the match.
- Keep within the defined boundary of the playing/coaching area unless instructed otherwise.
- Ensure I am punctual for training, matches and any other footballing activity organised by the Club.
- Advise team manager/coach of any injury or medical condition sustained before or during Association activities.
- Advise the team manager/coach if I am unavailable to play or participate in association activities.

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- Be responsible for my own kit
- Wear appropriate footwear/shin pads
- Bring my own water bottle/fluid

Children and young people participating in football have the right to:

- Feel safe and protected.
- Be respected and listened to.
- Contribute by offering constructive comments/feedback.
- Privacy.
- Enjoy football in a protective environment.
- Be referred to professional help if needed.
- Be protected from inappropriate behaviour/abuse from staff and volunteers.
- Appropriate levels of confidentiality.
- Participate on an equal basis, appropriate to their ability.
- Experience competition and desire to win.
- Be believed when they ask for help.

Rosario YFC requires adherence to all Codes of Conduct and will take appropriate action if any person is deemed to be in breach of a code as set out in this policy.



PHOTOGRAPHY AND MEDIA CONSENT NOTICE

Rosario YFC is proud to promote positive participation in football, celebrate the achievements of our players, and showcase the club's involvement within the local community. From time to time, photographs and/or video footage may be taken during training sessions, matches, tournaments, presentations, and other club-related activities.

These images may be used by Rosario YFC for legitimate club purposes, including but not limited to:

- Promoting the club and its activities;
- Highlighting good practice and player development;
- Celebrating team and individual achievements;
- Encouraging community engagement and participation in football;
- Use on the club's website, social media platforms, promotional materials, newsletters, and local media.
- Rosario YFC is committed to safeguarding children and young people and will ensure that all images are used responsibly and in accordance with applicable safeguarding and data protection requirements.

If you do not wish your child or young person to be photographed or recorded, or if you would like to discuss any concerns regarding the use of images, please contact the Club Welfare Officer safeguarding@rosarioyfc.com or the General Manager generalmanager@rosarioyfc.com as soon as possible. We will take all reasonable steps to ensure your wishes are respected.

Thank you for your cooperation and support of Rosario YFC.



KEY CONTACTS – ROSARIO YFC

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SAFEGUARDING/POLICIES

All volunteers must comply with safeguarding requirements, maintain Access NI approval, and complete mandatory training. Policies are available on the club's website and must be reviewed during the induction process.

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ADMISSIONS AND COACH ENGAGEMENT

Rosario YFC – First Kicks & Mini Soccer (Year 1 & 2)

Housekeeping Rules

To ensure that training and matches run smoothly and all children enjoy their football experience, we ask all parents and guardians to sign up to the conduct points highlight previously in this pack and to follow the guidelines below:

- A parent/guardian must remain at each session and stay outside the cage.
- Children must be registered on 'Team Fee Pay' before entering the pitch.
- Label all removable clothing and water bottles; ensure shoelaces are tied.
- Respond to training invites promptly to help coaches plan sessions.
- Make sure children use the toilet beforehand (no facilities available).
- Inform admin of any medical conditions and whether you consent to photos for social media.
- Be mindful of parking – leave spaces close to the pitch for coaches carrying equipment.

Mini and Junior Soccer

- Silent sidelines – allow children and young people to listen to their coaches without distraction.
- Upload your child's photo to Spond so coaches can learn names and faces.
- Communicate only via Spond or official club platforms – not through private texts or WhatsApp.
- Allow at least 48 hours after a game before raising game-specific queries with coaches.
- Always be respectful – as children and young people progress through Mini and junior Soccer, we ask both players and parents to uphold the ethos and community values of Rosario YFC.
- Be on time – late arrivals disrupt the session.
- Be mindful of where you park your car when dropping off/collecting your child.
- Ensure that only children/siblings in the age group of the child are allowed on the pitch.
- By registering your child, you understand that you are signing up to the code of conduct outlined in this pack.
- Ensure an emergency contact number is visible on Spond.



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