



Mission Statement:

Ashton 88 Junior Football Club aims to develop the football and social skills of the children whilst promoting fun, teamwork and discipline within a well-structured coaching system. We employ best practice at all times, training our coaches to lead each individual team.

Ethos of the club:

To promote enjoyment and sportsmanship for all. To develop the skills and abilities of each individual child within a Team Environment. The popularity of the club is reflected in the number of children who join us and then wish to remain with us. We provide an opportunity for all children to get involved in grassroots football.

How do we measure the progress of the player and the team?

We measure our success on the attendance of the children, how well we develop the individual in improving their own ability level and finally, on how the team performs as a collective group. We are NOT about win at all costs, win at all costs does not work for us. We are about coaching children to be an all round footballer. For that, children are required to learn how to play the game with confidence. We do not just select the best players from a trial selection process, we do not encourage the sourcing of 'good' players from other clubs.

What do we do:

We will always aim to establish an age group at U6/7. From there the squad is coached with the intention of developing the children into an organised team ready for playing matches. We are not a large club so therefore aim to fulfil 11-12 places for each age group in our youth section up to Under 10s.

Players improve with good coaching and exposure to games in an environment where each child feels that they can contribute or that others can support them in their contributions. This will reinforce their enjoyment. Therefore, equal game time within each team is essential in providing all children the best opportunity to develop.