

Governance & club administration

The rules that keep the club fair, financially sound and properly run.

Club constitution & committee

Grimsby United is a member-run community club governed by an elected committee.

- Officers are elected annually at the AGM; members are given at least 14 days' notice.
- The committee meets regularly and records minutes and decisions.
- Accounts are presented to members annually.

Subscriptions, refunds & financial support

Fees pay for pitches, referees, league entry, kit and equipment — nothing else.

- Registration fees and weekly subs are set annually and published before the season.
- Subs are payable whether or not a player attends, as costs are fixed — talk to us if that causes hardship.
- Confidential hardship support is available so no child misses out for financial reasons.

Player registration & transfers

All players must be correctly registered before they play.

- Registration is completed through the FA Whole Game System and the relevant league.
- Playing an unregistered or ineligible player can forfeit fixtures and bring league sanctions.
- Transfers between clubs follow league and County FA transfer rules and windows.

Recruitment & safer recruitment of volunteers

Everyone in a role of trust is checked before they start.

- Roles working with under-18s require an FA DBS check, references and a completed volunteer form before any unsupervised contact.
- New coaches are inducted on safeguarding, first aid and this policy set.
- The club maintains a register of DBS, safeguarding and first aid expiry dates.

Complaints, grievances & disciplinary procedure

A clear, fair route if something goes wrong.

- Stage 1 — Raise it informally with your team manager.
- Stage 2 — If unresolved, email the Club Secretary with the details. You'll get an acknowledgement within 7 days.
- Stage 3 — The committee reviews the complaint and responds in writing within 21 days.
- Stage 4 — Matters not resolved internally can be escalated to Lincolnshire FA. Safeguarding matters bypass this process and go straight to the Welfare Officer and County FA.

Kit, equipment & sponsorship

Club property and partner relationships are looked after properly.

- Match kit remains club property and is returned at the end of the season.
- Sponsor branding follows FA and league regulations, with no gambling or alcohol branding on junior kit.
- Equipment is checked termly and damaged items withdrawn from use.

Safeguarding contact: Club Welfare Officer — grimsbyunitedfootballclub@gmail.com · 07783565426. Immediate risk to a child: call 999. NSPCC Helpline: 0808 800 5000. Where a club policy is less strict than an FA, league or legal requirement, the FA, league or legal requirement always applies.