



Midleton FC
2011/2012 Season
Membership Guide





Our primary aim is to provide for all in Midleton and the greater East Cork Region the opportunity to play football in a friendly and safe environment and for all members to enjoy themselves.

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Welcome to Our Club

Parents

Thank you for taking an interest in our club, we aim to provide the highest levels of care towards the young players involved with Midleton Football Club. It is hoped that this information booklet will give you an insight into the club's history and those involved with the running of the club. As well as the different teams that play under the banner of Midleton Football Club. Without the support from the parents we wouldn't be able to have a successful club and we value your commitment. From bringing your child to regular training to vocal support from the touchline during a game, we hope you enjoy our facilities and enjoy the occasion. Some parents are extremely keen to get further involved with the development of the club and we always welcome this contribution. If you would like to help out further we'd be delighted to hear from you.

Mick Kirby
Club Chairman

Players

As a young player, congratulations on making the decision to join Midleton Football Club, we hope that amongst all you will find fun and friendship within the team you choose to join, as well as learning and developing your skills as a footballer. We hope that you will enjoy playing for Midleton F.C. and that you will be proud to have joined a friendly and progressive club. At any level, it's all about enjoying the game of football and trying to improve your own ability with your team. If you ever have any questions, speak to your team manager who will be always delighted to help you



Short Look back on last season

We had another season of progress both on and off the playing field. A Year that saw our playing membership expand to over 500 members. Our senior team in their first season back in the premier league secured their place and also provided some exciting cup matches with a big draw at home to Cork City in the FAI cup.

In Schoolboys/girls football we had a number of our teams do really well over the season with league Honours, league promotion and cup finals achieved by our boys and girls teams. We had a number of players on the cork teams and development squads with Honours also going to Emmet Cotter and Kelvin Krushel for winning the all Ireland under 16 trophies with Cork

Congratulations to.....

Under 12 & 13 Team, Who were crowned league champions.

Under 11 team, Finished runners up and promoted to 1st div.

Youth team finished League runners up and promoted to premier league.

Under 12 and 16 teams reached the cork cup finals but lost out on both matches.

Girls under 14 team who also lost out in the cup final at turners cross.





Midleton Football Club A Short History

Formed in 1973 as Fr. Murphy Youth club, today Midleton Football club caters for over five hundred players of all ages and is one of the largest clubs in the Munster region. Teams fielded at present include Boys U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U16, Youths, Junior and Senior teams. Also, Girls U12, U14 and 16 Coaching takes place every weekend at our football academy which has grown in success to over 200 young stars of the future from 5 to 10 years.

We have known success at all levels schoolboys/girls youth teams since we began in 1973 and since graduating to the ranks of the Munster Senior League have captured all local trophies within the League and had one of our finest days in 1991 when defeating Bray Wanderers in the FAI Senior Cup before a large crowd at Knockgriffin.

Many of the Club's players have represented both club and country at Inter-League and international level and some wonderful players have donned 'THE MAGPIES' colours during their 38 years in Football. John Ryan and Billy who played professional football in England not mention three wonderful players from the Fr. Murphy's beginning - Paudie Foley, Jack Daly and Michael Kirby. Indeed the same Kirby together with the hard working Pa Coakley has served 'THE MAGPIES' in Officer's role in all 38 years of their existence.

We now own two full size pitches, one floodlight, UEFA standard dressing room facilities and a meeting room complex plus three 5-A-Side all weather pitches. The facilities at Knockgriffin are the envy of many a club and have played host to Under 21, Under 19 and Under 17 international Tournament and Senior Friendly Games including Cross-Channel and League of Ireland Teams.





Future Plans/Investment

Our facilities and playing pitches receive constant maintenance and attention from our ground staff to maintain the highest standards of playing possible for our members. Midleton Football Club always has and always will be a family club. Although originally formed in Fr Murphys Youth Club 1973, we have continued to grow through our success with a number of our players and parents very much involved in the coaching and management of our club to day. We are also delighted that we have attracted players from further afield due to our good reputation and success on the field. Midleton F.C. has always maintain the community spirit it originally started and with natural progression we have grown to reach over 600 playing members for the coming season. Over the past few years the club has continued to invest in many different areas to support this growth including;

Grounds Development

Midleton F.C. Proposed Grounds Development Plan

1 st	Phase All Weather 5 aside pitches	Complete	2001
2 nd	Phase UEFA standard Dressing Rooms Complex	Complete	2006
3 rd	Phase Floodlights for No 1 playing pitch	October	2009
4 th	Phase Full Size Floodlit All Weather Playing	October	2012
5 th	Phase Ultra Modern Clubhouse Complex	October	2014

Sports Equipment & Maintenance

Earlier this year the club invested in re roofing our old clubhouse at a cost of €8000 and the re furnished the Gym room to change its use for meetings, small functions, the club has 4 sets of mini-goals for mini-soccer games.

We are proud to equip all our teams with the necessary training equipment including training balls, match balls, bibs, cones etc



Clothing

All registered club players receive shorts and socks for match day with Jerseys provided for the under 11 teams up to the club senior team strip for match days. Our distinctive Black and White strips certainly help us stand out from the other teams.

Playing Kits for the Academy players can be purchased at the Club shop on Sunday morning at a very attractive price.

Coaching

As a club, Midleton FC is dedicated to the promotion of a football education for all coaches and players. Our club has its own coaching manual to assist coaches to improve their coaching skills by providing general guidance on the coaching and preparation of young players. All coaches are encouraged to take FAI coaching courses from Kick-Start 1 up to UEFA B standard. We believe that by improving the quality of coaching within the club, all players will benefit as a result.

Training & Match Facilities

Teams use our two playing pitches and three 5 aside all weather pitches at Knockgriffin park. We also use Fr Murphy's Field, Midleton Community College & Midleton CBS grounds at times during the season. The All weather pitch at Carrigtwohill is also booked for our teams in the winter months.

During 2010 the club invested in flood lighting on our main pitch equipment and a generator power source at a cost of €116,000 to help ease the pressure on fixtures and provide more options for club teams throughout the winter months. Team shelters were also installed in 2010

We have also acquired the Mart field across the road from our existing ground. The field was landscaped in May to provide a playing surface and area big enough for training and play schoolboys matches. Expected cost €10,000 we hope our third pitch will be ready for the New Year.





Membership and Fee's

2011 Memberships and Registration

In the 2011-12 season , to assist with the running of the club and to reduce operating costs we are looking for a much greater involvement from all players, parents and supporters,. We look for everyone in and associated with our club to support our weekly club Lotto our main source of income over the past 20 years. It's €2 for a ticket and would make such a difference if we had more people helping out. "Support our Magpie Lotto"

Club Membership & Fees

In order to play for Midleton F.C. you must be a member of the club. This will allow you to be a registered player and avail of the club facilities and take advantage of many of the club benefits. To become a member of the club the following fees apply:

Fees

The club has implemented the following fees for Season 2011 – 2012.

Football Academy Players+

Membership

A €20 annual membership fee, which includes all fees payable to the leagues as well as insurance cover for all players registered with the club. The membership fee is payable by all individuals, irrespective of what time of year they join the club.

Weekly Subscriptions for Football Academy Players

€3 weekly will be collected at your Football Academy time.

Schoolboys/Girls Players playing with Boys U 11 & Girls U12 teams

Membership

A €20 annual membership fee, which includes all fees payable to the leagues as well as insurance cover for all players registered with the club. The membership fee is payable by all individuals, irrespective of what time of year they join the club.



Weekly Subscriptions for Schoolboys/girls Boys U11 & Girls U 12 Teams

A monthly fee of €10 for (12 months), payable by direct debit. Please note the club prefers parents to pay by direct debit wherever possible as this is a safer alternative than cash.

Both membership fees and monthly subscriptions are essential to the club to pay for essential on-going items such as referee costs, pitch hire and ground maintenance and other necessary items such as training equipment plus shorts and socks for each player.

Or Annual one – off payment of €150 can also be payable

Schoolboys/Girls Players From under 12 -19 years

Membership

A €25 annual membership fee, which includes all fees payable to the leagues as well as insurance cover for all players registered with the club. The membership fee is payable by all individuals, irrespective of what time of year they join the club.

Weekly Subscriptions for Schoolboys/girls Players Under 12 – 19 years

A monthly fee of €14 for (12 months), payable by direct debit. Please note the club prefers parents to pay by direct debit wherever possible as this is a safer alternative than cash.

Both membership fees and monthly subscriptions are essential to the club to pay for essential on-going items such as referee costs, pitch hire and ground maintenance and other necessary items such as training equipment plus shorts and socks for each player.

Or Annual one – off payment of €180 can also be payable

Adult Players (Working) +

Membership

A €40 annual membership fee, which includes all fees payable to the leagues as well as insurance cover for all players registered with the club.

Weekly Subscriptions for Adult Players (Working)

A monthly fee of €20 for (12 months) payable by direct debit. Please note the club prefers payments by standing order wherever possible as this is a safer alternative than cash.

Both membership fees and monthly subscriptions are essential to the club to pay for essential on-going items such as referee costs, pitch hire



and ground maintenance and other necessary items such as training equipment plus short and socks for each player.

Or Annual one – off payment of €280 can also be payable

Adult Players (Unemployed)

Membership €40

Subscription €14 per month by direct debit

An annual one – off payment of €204 can also be payable

Family Membership (Two or more Children)

For Academy players 5 to 10 years €30 Subscription €3 per week

For Schoolboys/girls Players

Membership €40 Subscription €20 per month by direct debit

Or an annual one – off payment of €180 can also be payable

Other Membership

Non Playing Member €20

Season Ticket Member €25



Affiliations and Governing Bodies

- The Football Academy teams that play in the summer leagues are affiliated to the Cork Schoolboys League
- The under 11 teams will play 9 aside competitive matches next season.
- All other teams from under 12 to 16 will play 11 aside matches
- and are affiliated to the Cork Schoolboys League and the Football Association of Ireland
- The Girls teams under 12,14,and 16 are affiliated to the Cork Ladies Soccer League and the Football Association of Ireland
- The Under 17 & 19 teams are affiliated to the Cork Under 17 and Youth League, The Munster Football Association and the Football Association of Ireland
- The Adult team Junior and Senior are affiliated to the Munster Senior League, The Munster Football Association and the Football Association of Ireland

Payment of Fines

Whether it's the premiership or amateur football, there is usually a competitive edge to every game. Good sportsmanship is a quality that our club values and its important that our players of all ages respect other teams, players and the referees at all times.

Of course there are limited occasions that the club is issued a fine in relation to a player's conduct on the pitch. On these occasions, it is expected the player or their parents undertake to repay the club the fine, in line with the club's constitution.

If a parent refuses to pay any such fine, the fine will be paid by the club and the players' membership may be suspended. It should be noted that a player cannot join another club until all financial commitments to Midleton Football Club are met.



Committee Members

The club is a not for profit organisation and is supported by a committee made up from the coaches and parents of the players within the club.

All our team managers, coaches and club officials are volunteers and their time and commitment they dedicate to the running and management of the club is valued and appreciated. No member receives any remuneration for the time given to the club.

The committee is made up of the following:

Club President	Teddy Lambe
Club Chairman	Michael Kirby
Club Secretary	Eddie Allen
Schoolboys Sec	Geoff Lambe
Schoolgirls Sec	Denise Moore
Treasurer	Fergus Groarke
Assistant Treasurer	Mossie Horgan
PRO	Pa Coakley
Children's Officer	Leonard O'Driscoll
Club Merchandise	Eric Desmond
Marketing / Communications	Kieran Moore
Development Coach	Liam Mc Mahon
Development Coach	Leonard O'Driscoll
Academy Head Coach	Martin Hurley
Facilities Manager	Mick Kirby
Committee	Eddie Browne Benny Newlands
Membership Officer	Mossie Horgan
Child Welfare Officer	Leonard O'Driscoll
Should you have any queries about the club or would like to become involved with coaching or training any of our teams, you can contact the Club Chairman, Mick Kirby 0863807174 or Eddie Allen 0860341918	



Midleton Football Club Team Lists

Age Group	Contact Name	Contact Number
Senior	John Ryan	0863721012
Junior	Olly Lynch	0877518196
Under 19	Phil Day	0863758331
Under 17	Kevin Sheridan	0863767458
Under 16	Eddie Browne	0862468547
Under 16A	Greg Davidson	0868318512
Under 15	Martin Denny	0863263329
Under 15A	Erick Desmond	0868508190
Under 14	Robert O Connor	0868318398
Under 14A	Noel Meade	0879757218
Under 13	Benny Newlands	0868388806
Under 13A	Mike Morris	0872063628
Under 12	Richie Morrissey	0872427043
Under 12A	David Rowlands	0868480860
Under 11		
Under 11A		
Girls		
Under 16	Denise Moore	0876486504
Under 14	Denise Moore	0876486504
Under 12	Mosie Horgan	0868598762

We currently offer football to the following age groups: 2011-12 Season





Midleton Football Academy

Midleton Football Academy has continued to be a resounding success and now has a membership of close to 220 children

The academy is designed for boys and girls in the age groups of 5 years to under 10, and is constructed with their enjoyment being of primary importance.

The instructors/coaches from whom they receive their coaching are all qualified having undergone courses run by the Football Association of Ireland and their qualifications are pertinent to the various age groups,

The objective of this academy, apart from enjoyment, is to encourage healthy exercise for the children as well as teaching them the basics of the game.

The Midleton Football Academy further engenders a sense of comradeship and team participation and in time will become important in character formation.

Our club presently has

Senior adult team	Under 15 Boys	Under 16 Girls
Junior adult team	Under 14 Boys	Under 14 Girls
Under 19 Boys	Under 13 Boys	Under 12 Girls
Under 17 Boys	Under 12 Boys	
Under 16 Boys	Under 11 Boys	

competing in local and national competitions and it is hoped that when a child finishes in the Academy, he or she will continue to join these teams.



Get Involved

How to Become Involved

We operate an open and transparent policy and would ask that any parent who wishes to become involved in the club and its activities contacts the chairman of the club.

In addition to becoming involved, we encourage all parents to actively attend any committee meeting they wish to find out more about how we operate and the policies we have in place.

Committee Meetings take place on the 1st Tuesday of every month and are held at Knockgriffin Park between 8pm and 10pm.

What Opportunities Are Available?

Coaching

The club is always on the lookout for promising new football coaches to help teach, coach and train our children. You'll need bags of enthusiasm and no qualifications are needed—Kick Start 1 training courses are available for adults/ parents who would like to learn more.

Other positions

Organising matches, liaising with the parents and children, phoning in results—fundraising, selling club lotto tickets, looking after club shop all important tasks that have to be done. If you don't have the time to coach—you may have some great organisational skills to contribute,

Support your Child your Team your Club

Come rain or shine, all our children welcome positive support from the touchlines. Will you be there? We see parents who drop off the kids to play and then go and get their hair cut. Watch your kids play and don't use the club as a drop off centre. Watch them and encourage them because when they do something good they're looking across for you. Our club like any other needs volunteers to coach, fundraise help, support. We all need each and together we can make a difference. Support your child your team your club. We look forward to seeing you there!



Midleton FC Players Code of Conduct

Members of Midleton FC are entitled to:

- *Be safe*
- *Be treated with dignity, sensitivity and respect;*
- *Participate in soccer on an equal basis, appropriate to their ability and stage of development;*
- *Be happy, have fun and enjoy soccer;*
- *Make a complaint in an appropriate way and have it dealt with through a proper and effective complaints procedure;*
- *Be afforded appropriate confidentiality;*
- *Be listened to and to be believed;*
- *Have a voice in the running of the club.*

Members of Midleton FC undertake to:

- Play fairly, do their best and have fun;
- Be on their best behaviour at all times;
- Abide by all club rules;
- Make high standards of Fair Play;
- Respect opponents;
- Shake hands before and after the match, whoever wins;
- Give opponents a hand if they are injured, put the ball out of play so they can get attention;
- Accept apologies from opponents when they are offered;
- Respect fellow team members and support them both when they do well and when things go wrong;
- Treat players from minority groups with the same respect you show other people;
- Be modest in victory and be gracious in defeat;
- Approach the club Children's Officer with any questions or concerns they might have. Coaches and parents should encourage children to speak out and support them in doing so.

Members of Midleton FC should not:

- Cheat;
- Use abusive language, or argue with, the referee, officials, team mates or opponents;
- Use violence, use physical contact only when it is allowed within the rules;
- Bully;
- Tell lies about adults or other children;
- Spread rumours;
- Take banned substances to improve performance;
- Keep secrets about any person who may have caused them harm;
- Behave in any manner that may bring the name of Midleton FC into disrepute.

If any player under the age of 18 has any concerns or complaints, you should contact the club Children's Officer, Leonard O'Driscoll on 087-2308127 or via email at leonard.odriscoll@hotmail.com.

The full club welfare policy is available on www.midletonfc.com.



Health & Safety

As you may expect, your child's safety and welfare is our number one priority. All our team coaches carry a first-aid kit in the event of an accident or injury and it is important we are aware of any of illness or medical condition that may affect your child.

Many children in Ireland suffer from Asthma. Please note all children who suffer from asthma must bring their inhaler(s) to training or matches. They will not be allowed to play without them. Please also ensure you coach has your current contact details, mobile number at all times.

Insurance Cover

Your child is protected by the Clubs Insurance policy during training and matches. In the event of a serious injury your team Manager/coach will provide all the necessary details to allow you to make a claim on behalf of your child. For a copy of the Insurance Policy, please ask our team manager for details.

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If you have any feedback relating to our club, our activities or any general comments, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please email us at moreinfo@midletonfc.com or call any of our volunteers listed in this pack—we would be delighted to hear from you



Midleton FC Club Disciplinary, Complaints and Appeals Procedure

(Covers all matters other than suspected child abuse which has to be referred to the Statutory Authorities)

In line with FAI guidance the club has a set procedure to enable members to bring matters of concern to the attention of the club Management Committee. While many concerns can be dealt with in an informal manner to the satisfaction of all concerned, it is advisable that detailed records are maintained in respect of all complaints and that all parties are advised of the formal complaints and appeals procedure. All reasonable efforts to resolve matters should be exhausted at local level before accessing the appeals procedure.

Step One

Any person who has a complaint or concern should bring it to the attention of the secretary under the relevant rules of the body concerned.

The complaint or concern should be in writing and should outline all relevant details and other parties involved in line with procedure.

Step Two

The complaint or concern should then be brought to the attention of the appropriate person in line with club rules who will convene the disciplinary committee/panel (best practice would advise that this committee/panel would consist of three members) unless the complaint or concern relates to a child abuse matter or criminal offence that meets criteria for formal reporting to the statutory authorities.

The full club welfare policy is available on www.midletonfc.com.



Sponsorship Opportunities

We have many different sponsorship opportunities available at the club. For more detailed info contact us.

Midleton FC has made big progress at all levels on the field with a big increase in playing membership to cater for 14 teams. Our senior team promotion to premier football was a fantastic success and also reaching the final of the Munster Senior Cup. We have also seen many great performances from so many of our schoolboys/girls teams during the past year who continue to do very well. Emmet Cotter became the 10th Midleton player to be capped for playing for Ireland against Belgium in Belgium at less than 16 level.

It was also the further Development of our grounds, Floodlights now complete on number one playing pitch with new international dugouts also added.

For your business I believe it will be the awareness of your involvement as a sponsor that makes sponsorship such a worthwhile investment. Through your Sponsorship of Midleton FC this awareness will be maintained through Members, Newspaper articles and numerous functions and award presentations at, Midleton Park Hotel and Knockgriffin Park as well as your company branding on our website.

By Sponsorship, not only have the Club Benefited. The Community has seen a major business put something back into Midleton and the greater East Cork Area.

The benefits of Sponsorship are reaped not only in the first year but also in the years that follow. By members and friends who remember the support your business has given to our club and the community.





Location



Directions to Knockgriffin Park - When coming from Corjk City, take first turn into Midleton. When you see the Topaz station on your right, take the left turn. Keep going 80-100 metres and look out for the signpost on your right, pointing to the entrance on your left. $51^{\circ}54'57.78''N$ $8^{\circ}11'11.78''W$