



## York City FC | Process for Ball Teams

York City FC are delighted to welcome grassroots clubs and community organisations to be Ball Teams for first team fixtures.

### Criteria

Each fixture is allocated on a first come, first served basis with the following criteria in place:

- All children must be at least 11 years old, with a maximum age of 16 years old.
- A minimum of 1 adult e.g. coach, parent etc. must be in accompaniment and take full responsibility for ensuring all children arrive at and leave the stadium safely, signing an in/out register before/after the game.
- 1 parking space is available free of charge for the person responsible for the group (guidance will be sent separately). 1 free match ticket can also be obtained by contacting the Ticket Office and [tickets@yorksmc.co.uk](mailto:tickets@yorksmc.co.uk) or 01904 950950, quoting your club and lead contact name. Any accompanying adult(s) would need to [purchase their own match ticket\(s\)](#).
- Children in the Ball Team do not need to purchase a match ticket.
- The minimum number of children the club can accept to be a Ball Team per match is 8.
- The maximum number of children the club can accept to be a Ball Team per match is 16.

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### Booking Process

Places are offered on a first come, first served basis. If your club/organisation would like to be a Ball Team for a York City match, please follow this process:

- Identify which fixture(s) you would like from the [first team fixture list](#).
- Complete the [York City FC – 2024/25 Season Ball Teams Expression of Interest Form](#) to submit your fixture preference(s) and other relevant details.
- The club will then contact you via the e-mail address supplied in the form to confirm your booking with a minimum of 7 days' notice (as much notice as possible will be given).

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## On the Day Process

Once your booking is confirmed, please follow the points below:

- The most important thing is that the children dress warmly! If you can have a club/organisation layer on top e.g. tracksuit jacket then great but not essential – please prioritise warmth!
- Arrive at the main entrance of the stadium (our lovely team of volunteers will make sure everyone is made to feel very welcome).
- **A club representative will meet you and your players at the Media Entrance at 2.30pm (7.15pm for an evening kick-off) and bring you into the stadium.**
- The children will then be escorted to the pitch and distributed accordingly (the children will be sat in pairs at least so they have some company for the game) so the perimeter of the pitch is covered with a ball boy/girl pairing. Each child will have a stool to sit on at pitch-side during the game, which they will need to bring back at the end of the game.
- The first task will be to act as flag wavers as the players enter the pitch. The children will be given flags to wave and will form 2 lines for the players to walk through just before kick-off.
- During the game, whenever the ball goes out of play the children will need to retrieve it and return it to the closest available player. Children are not to enter the field of play at any point.
- At half time, a club representative will collect them and head to the specific Ball Team changing rooms located in the tunnel for a drink and a snack e.g. a small chocolate bar.
- A club representative will then collect the children after the game and bring them back to the meeting point for the designated adult(s) to collect them.
- The children are welcome to stay around afterwards to try and grab some photos/autographs with the players as they leave, which is usually about 5.30pm (10.00pm for an evening kick-off), though this is of course non-mandatory!

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If you have any questions or need any support, please don't hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to seeing you on match day!

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