



AMMANFORD AFC

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Robert Thomas

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Dear Supporters and Players,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you as players and parents to Ammanford Association Football Club, either as a new member or existing. We hope that during your time with us you will enjoy your football and make many new friends in the process. Volunteer members are working hard for and with, each other to give children the best possible start and experiences.

Who We Are

The Club was formed in 1992 to provide opportunities for local boys and girls to access football coaching, organised football matches and other occasional leisure activities in a safe and supportive environment, also to develop their individual and team soccer skills and to help develop their self-awareness, confidence and general social skills. We are a Platinum Accredited Club which means we have achieved the top required standards of provision as laid down by the FAW.

Ammanford AFC is now a leading provider of qualified organised junior football teams with approximately 250 boys and girl's junior members from the Amman Valley.

Our Role in the Community

As a leading football club, Ammanford AFC has a role to play in the community in providing quality experiences for healthy exercise and social skill building for local boys and girls as part of a community club for life.

I hope that you enjoy your time with our club and look forward to sharing the coming season with you.

Kind regards,

Robbie Thomas (Club Chairman)

Ammanford AFC Committee

Your Committee consists of willing volunteers who are prepared to attend meetings and help with the general running of the Club, along with organising social events and fundraising.

We like to think that all our team coaches and committee members are approachable and obtainable, so we welcome you to raise any, requests, ideas that you would like discussed in our monthly manger meetings.

If you would like to be involved with the management of the club, please contact us as we are always looking for new and refreshing ways to keep the club moving in an upward direction.

Chairman	Robert Thomas	rob@hafodfinance.co.uk
Vice Chairman	Rhodri Jones	rhodrijones@btconnect.com
Senior Secretary	Stephen Roberts	stephen@williamcorbett.co.uk
Junior Secretary	Anika Lloyd	anika230179@gmail.com

Our Club Philosophy

- To give the interests of each child equal value irrespective of their football skills.
- To promote self-esteem, confidence and the development of social skills including loyalty, unselfishness and consideration for others.
- To provide a safe, fun environment for all players.

Communicating With You

We will use the following ways to give you updates about our club:

- Our website ammanfordafc.co.uk and our
- Ammanford AFC Facebook, Twitter and Instagram page, @ammanfordafc
- Your manager may send information or links via a private team social media, or we may ask managers to ask you to contact us.

Safeguarding

As part of our commitment to keeping young people safe, we are proud to be an FAW Platinum Accredited Club.

You can find out what this means for you and your child by searching FAW Trust: Club Accreditation. All football clubs must have a designated safeguarding officer who is responsible for safeguarding within the club.

Our Club Designated Safeguarding Officer is Anika Lloyd.

If you have any concerns about poor practice or behaviour, or concerns for a child, please contact her by email at anika230179@gmail.com

Respect Code of Conduct – PARENTS/ SPECTATORS

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game. Parents have a great influence on children's enjoyment and success in football. Children play football because they first and foremost love the game – it's FUN. Remember children's football is a time for them to develop and learn. We want them to win but not at all costs. Play your part by supporting your child, observing the Code of Conduct at all times and ensuring your child understands the Player Code of Conduct.

I will:

- Remember that children play for FUN
- Applaud effort and good play
- Always respect the match officials' decisions
- Remain outside the field of play or within the Designated Spectators' Areas
- Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Encourage my child, and others, or be quiet. Praise effort and performance, not results
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and officials
- Avoid criticising a player for making a mistake – mistakes are part of learning
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour
- Develop an appropriate supportive relationship with the coach based on mutual trust and respect
- Support the coach's decisions and discuss any concerns directly with the coach
- Not argue with opposition parents or players
- Be a good role model

Respect Code of Conduct – PLAYERS

As a player, you have a big part to play. Fair Play and respect for all others in the game is essential. We are asking every player to follow a Code of Conduct to Honour Our Game. When playing football / training,

I will:

- Always work hard to learn and improve and play to the best of my ability
- Play fairly with sportsmanship and respect to Honour Our Game
- Respect my team-mates, opposition, officials and myself
- Play by the rules and always respect the referee/coach
- Value the opposition by playing hard and fair
- Thank the other team and referee at the end of the game
- Lead by example both on and off the pitch
- Listen and respond to what my coach tells me
- Talk to someone I trust or the club child protection officer if I'm unhappy about anything at my club
- Not spit or chew gum

GDPR

We take your personal privacy very seriously. We have to collect some information about you and/or your child for us to be able to administer your membership. Below is a summary of how we store and use your data but you can view our full Privacy Notice [here](#).

Membership Form

- Submitting details on the website membership form is via a secure connection.
- Membership forms are held securely on our database and deleted when the player leaves the club or on 1st June of that season. Access to the database is password protected and limited to the Club Secretaries.
- The details are used on the FAW's Comet to search for and register players. Each player will have a unique FAW number on Comet. A list of FAW numbers is held securely by the Club Secretary and may be shared with team managers and the player's parent.
- The Club Secretary may share limited details with a league, the FAW or a team manager.
- Leagues may publish the names of registered players on the FAW's Comet system.

Player Photos

- Once uploaded onto Comet these are immediately deleted from the database.
- Team managers will download a squad sheet containing these photos and player names when required on matchdays.

Training

- Your manager will arrange one training session per week and will let you know the day, time and venue. We try to keep this the same for the season.
- Winter training takes place from November to February. This will either be indoors or on all weather pitches. The exact date will depend on the venue.
- Summer training will typically be on grass pitches.
- Any additional training sessions are paid for directly by the team.
- It is the manager's decision when to have holiday breaks. Most of our managers run some sessions during the school holidays

League Matches

- The season usually starts in the first weekend of the school term in September and finishes in May. All teams will play home and away matches set by the leagues and fixtures are published on the FAW or local league website.
- Our boys/mixed teams play in the Carmarthenshire Junior Football League.
- Matches are played on Saturdays.
- Our girls' teams play in the West Wales Women's and Ladies Football League.
- Matches are played on Sundays.
- Managers may organise friendlies with other teams when there are no league matches.

Ammanford AFC Kit

- The club's home kit is Black and White stripes.
- We don't expect our players to pay for match kits, however we do ask that kits are looked after and returned when a player leaves or if the team outgrow them.
- Our managers are responsible for obtaining sponsors to pay for new kits. This can be a difficult job at times, so if you or you know someone willing to sponsor a kit then please let your manager know.
- There are a limited number of kits that can be borrowed if a team does not have a sponsor.

Get Involved!

Without our fantastic army of volunteers, we simply could not do what we do for our young people. Helping is a great way to get to know people and contribute to the Club's development. Get involved—you'll gain more than you give, we promise! If you can help in any way, do talk to your manager or a member of the committee! There's more than one way to support your footballer:

- Become a coach/manager - most of our coaches started out as parents or grandparents watching from the side-lines.
- Become a parent helper for your team.
- Fundraise for your team - sell refreshments or do sponsored events.
- Sponsor a kit - your company logo will be printed on the shirts and displayed on our promotional materials.
- Help us organise and put on events, such as our club tournament or end of season presentation.