About

Morton in the Community is a registered charity (Charity No. SC040819), which uses the power of sport, and the Greenock Morton Football Club brand, to deliver a number of projects across the Inverclyde area. The organisation has been operational since March 2013.

We help to create a healthier and safer region by working closely with key partners in the public and private sectors to create inclusive programmes that engage people of all ages and abilities. These range from physical literacy classes in nursery schools through to mass participation coaching sessions for 2-16 year olds, employability training for people of all ages, promoting healthy lifestyles, and physical and mental well-being sessions. We engage more than 1200 people every single week in our programmes as we aim to be ‘The Heartbeat of Inverclyde’.

Both our Boys and Girls Pathways are mass participation programmes aimed to providing a safe and inclusive environment to all players. We strive to offer equal opportunities to all our players in an environment focused upon providing a positive experience in football and wider physical activity.

Organisational Structure

11-a-side Boys Pathway Coordinator: Stewart Wonnacott – stewart@mortoncommunity.net

Small Sided Boys Pathway Coordinator: Dean McKinnon – dean@mortoncommunity.net

Girls Pathway Coordinator: Colin McEachnie – colin@mortoncommunity.net

Football Projects Officer: Lee Mitchell – lee@mortoncommunity.net

Player Expectations

At Morton in the Community, we believe that our players are the most important people at the club. All our coaches and staff are here to provide a safe and secure environment for you to enjoy playing football. As part of this, we require a commitment from players that they will behave in a manner that shows the club in a positive light at all times. This is the code of conduct we require all players to adhere to -

When representing Morton in the Community I will:

* Always play to the best of my ability and for the benefit of my team
* Play fairly. I won’t cheat, dive, complain or waste time
* Respect my team-mates, the other team, the referee or my coach/manager
* Arrive on time for training and on matchdays
* Play by the rules, as directed by the referee
* Be gracious in victory and defeat – I will shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of every match regardless of the result
* Listen and respond to what my coaches ask of me
* Understand that a coach must do what is best for the team and not one individual player
* Talk to someone I trust or my Pathway Coordinator if I’m unhappy about anything at my club
* I understand that if I do not follow the code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, a league organisation or the SFA/SYFA/SWF -

I may:

* Be required to apologise to my team-mates, the opposition, referee or team manager
* Receive a formal warning from the coach or the club
* Be substituted or dropped from the next match
* Be suspended from training
* Be required to leave the club

In addition:

* My club, league organisation or governing body (SFA, SYFA, SWF) may make my parent or carer aware of any infringements of the Code of Conduct
* The league organisation or governing body (SFA, SYFA, SWF) could impose a fine and suspension against my club.

Safeguarding

At Morton in the Community, your safety and wellbeing is our priority. We have a Child Wellbeing Team who can offer advice and support to you and your family. If you are struggling with any aspect of football, speak to your coaches at training, or contact your Pathway Coordinator directly.