

Consent form for players under the age of 16

All players under the age of 16 at midnight on 31 August in the year preceding the current season must have a consent form completed and signed by a parent or guardian and submitted to their club secretary prior to participation in stoolball at any age group.

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| Name of junior player | |
| Age of junior player at midnight on 31 August in the year preceding the current season | |
| Name of club or junior squad | |
| Name of parent/guardian giving consent | |
| Parent/guardian email address | |
| Parent/guardian contact number | |
| Emergency contact name and number (if different) | |
| I consent to my child taking part in open age training sessions and matches | Yes / No |
| I consent to my child sharing changing facilities as described in the guidance below | Yes / No |
| I consent to my child's information being given to medical staff should my child be injured in training or a match | Yes / No |
| I consent to photos/videos being taken of my child which may be used to promote stoolball or posted on official social media accounts. No photos/videos will be used inappropriately. | Yes / No |
| Please share any other relevant information | |
| Signed by parent/guardian | |
| Signed by junior player (if over 12) | |

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| Date | |
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Communication between the club and young people

When communicating with young people it is recommended that adults and officers of the club:

- Contact players only when necessary for club business
- Parents should be the main contact point, at a minimum copied into written communication (ie letters or emails)
- Speak with a player and their parents/guardians if there is a need to communicate information in relation to playing, training or competition
- Contacting young people by phone, text, email or social networking site should never be undertaken without parental consent.

Changing rooms guidance

Players aged 10 and under must be supervised at all times in changing rooms by two members of staff of the same gender as the players.

Adults working with young teams, including volunteers, coaches, umpires and staff, should not change or shower at the same time when using the same facility as young players.

Mixed gender teams must have access to separate male and female changing rooms.

If young people are uncomfortable changing or showering in public, no pressure should be placed on them to do so. Encourage them to do this at home.

If adults and young people need to share a changing facility, the club must have consent from a parent/guardian that their child/children can share a changing room with adults in the club. Parents/guardians should be allowed to supervise them whilst they are changing. If the parent/guardian is of a different gender, supervised changing must take place separately from other club members.

Transportation guidance

It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to transport their child/children to and from the club or activity. It is not the responsibility of a coach or volunteer.

Sometimes it is necessary to ask for help with a lift to training or matches. Children should not make their own arrangements to travel with adult players. Parents/guardians are responsible for making the decision and must be aware of the arrangements.

Language and behaviour on pitch

Things can get tense in a match and while we like to think our members wouldn't engage in any bad language or behaviour, sometimes things slip out. We do not want juniors developing bad habits so please help manage the message if your player is exposed to this and let a club officer know if anything makes you or your player uncomfortable.

Post-match tea

A long standing tradition in adult stoolball is the post-match tea which may include alcoholic beverages. The teas can be good fun and valuable relationships are nurtured during these social events. While juniors are encouraged to join in and be sociable, we must abide by UK law in terms of alcohol consumption and do not in any way encourage junior players to partake in this part of the experience.

Coaching

Depending upon which adult team your junior player aspires to, the coaching may be 'tougher' and more direct than what he or she is used to in the juniors.

If for **any reason**, your player feels uncomfortable about any situation (junior or adult), please speak to his or her Welfare Officer, Squad Manager, Coach, or any officer of the club with whom they are comfortable speaking. This guidance should make your player's experience be the best it can be.