

## THANET DISTRICT FOOTBALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS SELECTION POLICY

Trials will be arranged for each year group. The current group of District players for that age group WILL have to trial and their place in the squad for the following season is NOT guaranteed.

Nominations for District can come from school teachers, club managers or parents. Although anyone can be nominated to attend the trials, it is up to the schools if they are allowed to be selected for the district teams. All local schools will be contacted with a list of successful trialists, if the school say they are not happy for a player to participate due to behavioural or any other issues within school. They will not be able to participate. There is no negotiation on this, the district team is a schools football team and schools will have the say on who is allowed to play. The Thanet District Schools FA will not get involved in any disputes between players/parents and the school.

The trial dates will be published on the website along with the equipment that each player will need to bring. All players will need to sign in on the day and we will require a parents email address, medical conditions and emergency phone number before they can join in. The trial will be attended by that specific years coach/ coaches as well as local PE teachers who will have no link to the current side. The Thanet District Chairman and Secretary will endeavour to attend all trials. The squad will be selected from the people who attend the trial and will be selected by the group and not one individual.

Following the trials, the successful candidates names will be posted on the website and will be contacted regarding details for the coming season. If a player has been unsuccessful in the trial, we WILL NOT offer individual feedback as to the reasons why to parents or carers. THE WEBSITE ADDRESS IS [WWW.THANETDISTRICTSCHOOLSFA.ORG.UK](http://WWW.THANETDISTRICTSCHOOLSFA.ORG.UK) We may offer development places out to certain players, these players will train with the squad and be included should we have injuries or players drop out of the squad.

The district is now run as a separate self-sufficient entity, fees are required by parents for the running of the teams and these are kept as low as they can. Payments must be kept up to date. If some parents may have problems paying then please contact your school to see if any bursaries are available. Fees for the season are payable over the first few months of the season and are non-refundable.

COMPLAINTS / CONCERNS / QUERIES If at any point you have any concerns regarding Thanet District Football please email [info@thanetdistrictschoolsfa.org.uk](mailto:info@thanetdistrictschoolsfa.org.uk)

Thank you for taking the time to read our policy on selection and our complaints procedure. We have decided to make this structure clearer for all parents, players and coaches to see and understand. We understand there will be a number of disappointed parents and players after each trial and we encourage them to try and get in the District side again next year if selected for trials. Once a decision has been made to not select a player this will not be changed unless injury or illness force the coaches to choose from a wider pool of players than originally selected. Can I remind all coaches and parents that we are running the

district teams for the good of local football, to help develop the young talents we have in the area.

Thanks for your continued support. I wish you luck with the trials this season and good luck to all the Thanet District Teams in their upcoming competitions.