



Tingley Athletic Corinthians



The Junior Football Team Where Everyone Gets A Chance

How Often Do You Hear Yourself Saying: “I Wish My Child Could Play Football In A Team That Encourages Everyone To Play, Where It’s Not Just For The Favoured Few...”

It’s hard isn’t it, trying to ensure that your son or daughter gets to play the game that they love, rather than standing on the sidelines while the coach’s favourite players get to play the entire match – again!

We’d all love to be able to say that we have the next David Beckham wouldn’t we...but we know our kids may not be the best players, but they can kick a football and they just want to have fun with their friends and get the chance to play football just like the rest of the team – **so why do our kids keep getting left out?**

I’m Mike Hemmins and I’m the manager of Tingley Athletic Corinthians. Four years ago, I was just like you and many other parents around the country. My son had just started playing for a local junior football team but had never played a competitive game. In fact, he really had no idea what he was supposed to do or even how to kick a football properly...but the manager of the team that my wife and I had signed him up to, suddenly decided that our son was going to play a match as a striker!

Now I don’t know about you...but I don’t think I had too much knowledge of playing the role of striker at four years old, but his manager pushed him onto the middle of the pitch in front of some hundred or so people he didn’t know, and told him to go and score goals.

The poor lad was at his wits-end. The manager hadn’t even bothered to teach him how to kick the ball yet, let alone how to hold the ball, turn defenders and crack a long range shot from the edge of the area... Suffice to say, my son’s debut lasted about 5 minutes before the manager substituted him in disgust even though the manager was at fault.

That’s why in 2006, I started the Corinthians football team. **Our aim is to see kids learning to play football – not just be lumped onto a football pitch and left to get on with it.** We want the kids to play together, with no special privileges. We’re part of Tingley Athletic and we benefit from their fantastic new facilities which helps my assistant coaches and I to develop our players at their own speed. We have a philosophy of teaching our players the basics of football, and then trying to develop their all-round understanding of competitive football.

I’m sure you’ll appreciate the fact that all our coaches are qualified to at least FA Level 1, which ensures that they all have a good understanding of how best to teach kids about football, a thorough understanding of ‘Football For All’, anti-racism issues and First Aid. We are also all checked by the FA’s Criminal Records Bureau as standard.

Here’s what your child will benefit from if they play with Tingley Athletic Corinthians...

- **Tingley Crescent Facilities** – A new facility costing over £700,000 providing two mini-soccer pitches, and three-quarter sized pitch and two full-size pitches
- **Quality training facilities** – Because Tingley Athletic are an FA Development Charter club (the highest standard available), we benefit from the use of the best indoor and outdoor training facilities year round. This means that we can train in a safe environment at all times.

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- **FA training programs from FA Level 1 and FA Level 2 trained coaches**, ensuring your child learns about football from the bottom up.
- **Guaranteed FA Criminal Records Bureau** checked coaches and assistants to safeguard your child.
- **Affiliation to West Riding County FA** (The FA's local governing body), to ensure best practice in football development and standards.
- **Quality football kit** including: shirt, shorts, socks and even a rain jacket
- **Annual awards ceremony** – with each category determined by a pre-set criteria to ensure that everyone gets a fair chance to win.
- **Low annual fees** with the option to pay in instalments.

Here are some comments from parents of players at the Corinthians...

"Our son has been playing football with the Corinthians for just over one year - he really enjoys the matches and has made some very good friends in the squad. His football skills and self confidence have dramatically improved over the year and this can be put down to the good training and advice from Mike and the Coaches."

Steve and Lynda Griffiths

"Adam has found being part of The Corinthians a rewarding experience. In a year he has played and trained regularly; experiencing a number roles and learning to support his team through his efforts. He has had specialist training provided by the club and the chance to attend a number of football galas. I think we have all learnt there is much more to football than just kicking a ball! Adam has made new friends, as have I."

Maggie & Phil Wright

If your child is currently in school year 4, and would enjoy playing the game they love in a fun, caring environment with us at The Corinthians...then **please contact me today:**

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Or feel free to contact us via the club secretary, Vince Chapman on 0113 253 2828. Thanks for your time – I look forward to hearing from you

Yours in football,

M. Hemmins

Mike Hemmins

Manager,

Tingley Athletic Corinthians

P.S: We only have a limited number of spaces for the next season (08/09), don't let your child miss out on making great new friends - take our no-risk trial and call me to come to one of our training sessions without obligation. I look forward to hearing from you on 07973 437 052