

Loughgall Youth Football Club

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 May 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 May 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The objects of the club shall be: (a) To provide a safe environment for members to participate in soccer (b) To promote youth soccer: i. by encouraging participation in these activities ii. by providing members with suitable competition iii. by assisting members to improve their personal soccer standards iv. by organising competition locally and nationally v. by providing equal opportunities for successful participation by all sections of the community vi. to encourage and promote an active child protection policy

Public benefit

The benefits which flow from the purposes (a) "To provide a safe environment for members to participate in soccer" and (b) "to promote youth soccer" are:-

- promoting participation in amateur sport activities, specifically, football.
- We provide the opportunity for children to receive football coaching from trained coaches.
- We offer the opportunity for supervised physical exercise leading to improved physical health and physical fitness.
- We provide children with an outlet for developing their football skills which may lead to lifelong personal benefits around health and wellness.
- The availability of this coaching provides an outlet for children to focus their energy, develop their interests in physical exercise and reduce or eliminate the opportunity to become involved in anti-social activities.

The direct benefits which flow from these purposes includes improvement in physical and emotional health and well-being because of participation in football and other recreational football. This includes raised esteem and confidence, improved aerobic capacity and development of physical skills. These benefits can be demonstrated as follows:-

1. Parental, carer and participant feedback through focus groups, surveys, questionnaires and consultation events.
2. monitor growth in membership and retention of members
3. a record is kept of all children attending the coaching sessions.
4. a record is kept of all football teams and the members of the team who participate in the categorised (by age) amateur leagues.
5. Records are maintained of those players who progress through the various teams with a small minority eventually playing in the Northern Ireland Football League, and occasionally a player becoming a semi-professional or professional player in Ireland or elsewhere.
6. Annual report to review outcomes and outputs relating to club activity Physical training and being involved in a contact sport (football) can occasionally result in injury, however the benefits outweigh any risk involved. The charities beneficiaries are children and young people (between the ages of 6 and 19) who are provided with physical exercise, structured training and competitive team sport at an amateur level also encouraging interest and support from parents and carers. The private benefit that arises would be to the coaches who receive payment and to those who are paid for the hire of their facilities and football grounds. These payments are incidental and necessary to the achievement of the purposes and are outweighed by the benefits to the beneficiaries. The trustees receive no private benefit.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Loughgall Youth Football Club is a voluntary driven sports organisation facilitating activity specifically football in the rural area of Loughgall in County Armagh. The focus of the club is to provide young people from diverse backgrounds both girls and boys with the opportunity to participate in amateur sport and physical activity. The club provide adequate facilities and the opportunity to enjoy healthier lifestyles and wellbeing. Club has more than 300 playing members within more than 15 youth teams and a Girls academy. Loughgall Youth Football Club aim to stimulate positive rural community action to provide opportunities to tackle social exclusion and sporting opportunity. Loughgall Youth is a club which endeavours to promote player development in all its young people. Loughgall Youth Football Club is an Irish FA recognised and approved Games Development Centre and we have more than 50 volunteers who are the lifeblood of our club.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

108651

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 May 2024

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 31 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

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