



## JUNIOR SECTION

### PLAYER PARTICIPATION POLICY

#### 1. Introduction

Bristol Ladies Union FC is an inclusive club embracing all levels of ability, social standing, race and colour, without discrimination.

#### 2. Aims and Objectives

The Club will:

- Encourage and promote the technical, physical, social and psychological development of players, with an emphasis on enjoyment and inclusivity for all.
- Provide organised competitive and non-competitive football for its members.

#### 3. Membership

Playing Membership shall be open to anyone within the respective age groups organised by the Club and subject to invitation by the relevant Team Manager.

#### 4. Participation

There will be no restriction on numbers in each year group other than those required by the relevant leagues. Each manager and their assistants should only have the maximum number of players they can safely work with. Each manager will have total discretion on who they invite to join their squad, bearing in mind the club's aims and objectives.

The Club strongly encourages Team Managers to offer invitations to play competitive football to all players who wish to do so, and to offer 'training only' opportunities to all others.

Bristol Girls League imposes the following restrictions on squad sizes:

##### U10/11 (7-a-side)

- Maximum 14 players registered per squad
- Maximum 10 players per match day squad (3 substitutes)

##### U12/13 (9-a-side)

- Maximum 18 players registered per squad
- Maximum 14 players per match day squad (5 substitutes)

##### U14-18 (11-a-side)

- Maximum 22 players registered per squad
- Maximum 16 players per match day squad (5 substitutes)

Although the team's rotation policy will be at the sole discretion of the Team Manager, the Club expects that players registered to play competitive football will have the opportunity to play in a fair and reasonable number of league fixtures.

Substitutes can be used on a rolling basis but the Club's Subscription Policy states that all players in a match day squad should play a minimum of half a game.