



PATCHAM UNITED FC – VISION, PHILOSOPHY, GAME STYLE & COACHING HANDBOOK



The attached document was drafted following input from some of Patcham United's coaches and is presented in this form for consultation purposes.

RATIONALE

Patcham United is a large club.

In order to have a collective view of the way the club should go forward it is imperative to have a stated Vision, Mission and Philosophy.

FOOTBALL IS EVOLVING

The game is evolving and with the Football Association producing The Future Game document, Patcham United can be a forerunner of a change in the national game by setting its own Vision, Philosophy and preferred Game Style.

GRASSROOTS

Grassroots football is where all elite players start and it is where the majority of players play the game throughout their careers.

VISION, PHILOSOPHY & GAME STYLE

By having a stated "Patcham Way" on how to develop players, so that they are able to play in the way we envision, as they mature, we will all be working for the same ends.

I believe that such a statement of intent will set us apart from other local grassroots clubs and will help us retain and even increase our membership for positive reasons

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Football is a late developing sport with female players at their 'peak' around 24 – 26 years and male players a little later at around 26-28 years.

I firmly believe that if we get player development right, the results will follow. Hopefully that then leads Patcham United to retain more players and teams than we have in the past and, if we get it right, should allow football opportunities for those players who develop later by having sufficient numbers to have two teams, eventually, at each age group.

DNA

If we can agree and publish a Vision, Coaching Philosophy and Game Style, we can perpetuate it through the club as we gain more volunteer coaches at the younger age groups. It helps to define what we do and why we do it. It then becomes part of the club's "DNA" and for which we, as a club, become known and respected.