

Sheffield Fans Derby Event Rules.

The Sheffield Fans Derby is a Charity Event staged annually by fans of Sheffield Wednesday and Sheffield United. As with all events there are certain rules and conditions that apply.

The management committee comprises the two team managers, an SFD director and a treasurer. The committee's decision on all matters is final.

These rules apply to the following event.

Charity: Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice
Venue: Hillsborough Stadium, Sheffield Wednesday Football Club, Hillsborough, S6 1SW
Date: Thursday 2nd May 2024
Kick-off: 19:30

The Event.

1. Each squad can have up to seventeen players, selected by the appropriate manager. The manager will maintain a 'reserve' list with players who have shown an interest in taking part in case a squad member has to withdraw for any reason.
2. Normal F.A. rules apply with the exception that all six substitutes may be used. How these will be used will be announced nearer the event. No player is guaranteed a specific playing time on the pitch.
3. A referee, two assistant referees and a 4th official will officiate the game.

The Players.

1. Professional or semi-professional (e.g. paid by a club, including expenses, to play) players may not take part. The event is for amateur players.
2. Players selected for the squad by the manager will pay a non-returnable registration fee of **£40** by a date to be specified. This should be in cash to the manager who will provide a receipt on the sponsor form or can be paid to the treasurer by bank transfer. Details will be provided.
3. Players must then raise a **minimum** of **£100** in sponsorship using the official sponsor form provided or via a link to be provided on the Sheffield Fans Derby website. (The Sheffield Fans Derby's primary purpose is to raise as much money for the nominated charity as possible so players are urged to fund raise beyond the minimum figure specified).
4. The squad manager will monitor the sponsorship of players and only those who raise at least the minimum sponsorship may play in the game. The final check will be on the day before the game.
5. All sponsor money must be received no later than 2nd June 2024. If any player does not pay the sponsorship by the due date, to the treasurer, via the squad manager, or via the website link they will not be allowed to take part in future events.
6. Players are free to obtain personal sponsorship. However they must not approach Sheffield United, Sheffield Wednesday, the hosting football club or the event sponsors directly. The Sheffield Fans Derby committee manages those relationships and, to prevent conflicts of interest and to maintain good relationships, players should approach their respective manager for advice if they believe they have a need to contact those parties listed above.
7. Players should contact the SFD committee if they believe they know of an individual or organisation interested in sponsoring part of the event. All suggestions will be gratefully received as it maximises the funding for the charity.
8. Players selected for the squad agree that the management committee may use the details provided on the application form, photographic images and sponsorship information for whatever purposes they feel appropriate for the purposes of the Sheffield Fans Derby. This will include, but will not be limited to, use on the website and in various publications for publicity purposes.

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Payments.

The Registration Fee.

Your player fee goes towards expenses with the balance going to the charity.

This will include FA registration and may include stewarding and medical support, at the discretion of the ground management.

In every game so far we have been able to keep expenses to a minimum and the majority of the player fee has gone to the charity. All the supporting works, these forms, the website, trophy, match balls etc are provided by the event sponsors, organisers and friends.

This must be given to the appropriate squad manager or bank transferred to the treasurer by the registration deadline date that will be provided after selection.

Sponsorship.

Put all sponsors on the sponsorship form that will be provided once selected.

Collect the sponsorship money and hand it to the appropriate squad manager or bank transfer to the treasurer by the deadline date.

There will also be a sponsorship link on the Sheffield Fans Derby website on which sponsorship can be paid. You must ask any sponsors to put your name in the comments box so the Management team know what has been paid on your behalf.

Before the event date each player must show that they have raised the minimum amount of sponsorship to the appropriate team manager. Failure to do so will mean that the player will not be eligible to participate in the event.

Note: please only use the payment routes shown above. These allow us to manage the fund-raising. Do not pay directly to the charity or through any other route as the SFD cannot monitor these and may lead to your being unable to play as you haven't provided the appropriate funds to the SFD.

Cancellation of the event

If the event is cancelled due to a pandemic such as COVID-19 then the management committee will do their best to offer refunds of the registration fee to participants within a specified timeline. If the cancellation occurs more than 90 days before the event then participants will be offered the full amount refunded. If the cancellation occurs less than 90 days before the event then participants may not receive all of the registration fee refunded. This is due to the costs of staging the event, the majority of which are paid in advance.

Please note, any sponsorship monies placed via sites such as JustGiving are paid directly to the Charity when placed on the site. The Sheffield Fans Derby has no control over these sites and therefore cannot offer refunds of any kind for this.

Above all, enjoy the event and raise as much as possible for the charity.

Thank you for taking part.