



## GRUFC Kit Policy

### POLICY STATEMENT & PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to set out guidelines for the playing / match kit for members of Glossop Rugby Union Football Club ("the club") as agreed by The General Committee.

This policy also gives **optional guidance** for a set of standards of preferred dress code which may be adopted whilst training, at away matches, around the club house and in any circumstance where a playing member is representing the club in any way.

This will encourage, strive for and maintain a standard of professionalism & pride associated with being a member of GRUFC and how the club is perceived by the wider community, whilst giving clarity to players, parents & members.

### SCOPE & ORGANISATIONAL PROCEDURE

The traditional colours for GRUFC are Royal Blue, Black, White and Navy Blue. Since the club was re-formed in 1969, various design combinations of these colours have been adopted and the RAL colour code for the Royal Blue tone is RAL Blue 5017. Therefore, playing shirts are to be mainly Royal blue with black detailing.

As decided by the General committee in April 2021, all sections of the club are to wear the same style of playing shirts as the 1XV team, where possible.

The Glossop RUFC crest logo is standard throughout the club any changes to the logo must be agreed by The General Committee.

This policy will be adopted for the on field playing kit for all members including the Mini, Junior and Colts sections and covering all Senior teams.

Training kit and off field dress code is **not mandatory**, but guidance is given within this policy to aim for a standardised colour theme to be aimed for and encouraged if items of clothing are to be obtained.

The design of the playing kit shirt may change as and when deemed necessary and with the agreement of the Chair of M&Js, Director or Rugby and The General Committee, however it is considered any new kit design will remain in place for a minimum of 3 seasons, unless there is a specific reason for this not to be the case.

The traditional colours of GRUFC will always be adopted unless discussed and agreed by The General Committee.

## Senior Teams

Glossop RUFC currently has 3 Senior Male teams (1XV 2XV and 3XV) and a Senior Women's team (The Amazones).

GRUFC also has a Colts team, which are under the umbrella of the Senior section.

A set of sublimated/ embroidered match playing shirts will be provided to each team by the club as and when required, following agreement by the General Committee. These shirts may be funded in part or by full direct sponsorship. Sponsorship may be obtained for any of the Senior GRUFC team kit and may be displayed on the playing shirt or shorts and after agreement with the Sponsorship team and The General Committee.

- The number of home shirts provided to each team is 20.
- The number of away shirts provided to the 1XV is 20.
- Playing shirts are supplied by the Clubs preferred supplier O'Neills. (sales@oneillsuk.com)
- Shorts and socks are also supplied by the club for each player
- Boots, gumshields and head protection, if required, is to be supplied by the playing member.

The General committee, Director or Rugby and respective team coaches will decide on the Senior kit at the start of each season and may involve any senior players in any decisions. At the start of the 2019/20 season, the General committee decided to supply the 1XV Senior Men's team with a full set of home and away kit, along with a "kit bundle" of additional sublimated items of club kit. This was by way of showing commitment to the 1XV who were placed to gain promotion, however, is in no way setting a precedent for future supplies of kit next season and will be discussed & agreed at the start of each season.

The kit bundle given at this time included:

- *Kit Bag, Polo shirt, warm up T-Shirt, Warm up top, Jogging bottoms, Shorts & Socks*

The 2XV & 3XV, Colts & Amazones teams may be supplied with a new set of home shirts as needed. This kit may be one that has been passed down from the 1XV after a playing season or may be a new set of shirts as deemed necessary. Currently the 2XV & 3XV use the 1XV away kit if playing against a team whose colours clash.

### **The Senior kit for 2021/2022 season will comprise:**

- A set of 20 sublimated short sleeved playing shirts in the home colours with the GRUFC logo on the front and agreed Sponsors may display a logo on the front, back or sleeves agreed with the Sponsorship Team. This logo must be in the form of text and not solely an image.
- A set of 20 sublimated short sleeved playing shirts in the away colours with the GRUFC logo on the front and agreed Sponsors may display a logo on the front, back

or sleeves agreed with the Sponsorship Team. This logo must be in the form of text and not solely an image.

- Black shorts with a GRUFC club logo on the front. A Sponsor may fund this item and may have a logo on the back of the shorts as agreed by the Sponsorship Team. This logo must be in the form of text and not solely an image.
- GRUFC Club socks are knee length and home colours are Black with Royal blue top and away socks are black.
- Base layer tops should ideally be black, white or blue.
- Other items of club kit may be agreed upon and provided and will be discussed and agreed by the General committee each season.
- Boots should have the appropriate studs and be in good, safe condition.
- Gumshields are optional, however, GRUFC recommends the use of gumshields as per RFU guidance.
- Head Protection is optional, however should be fitted correctly and obtained from an approved supplier.

**Dress code for before and after matches: (this has been decided by each team coach)**

- *1XV Home Games:*
  - *On arrival - Club Polo, ¼ zip top & jogging bottoms*
  - *After game – White Shirt & club tie*
- *1XV Away Games:*
  - *On arrival & after the game - Club Polo, ¼ zip top & jogging bottoms*
- *2XV & 3XV – Club polos are preferred but not essential.*
- *Colts Home Games:*
  - *After game – White Shirt & club tie*
- *Colts Away Games:*
  - *On arrival & after the game – White shirt & club tie*
- *Amazones:*
  - *On arrival & after the game – club Polo*

## **Mini & Junior Section**

Glossop RUFC currently has a thriving M&J section with teams from U6 Tots up to U16s. The GRUFC vision is for all the M&J teams to play matches in the same playing shirts with the same logo and overall sponsor across all age groups.

**These shirts will only be worn during matches and will remain property of GRUFC.**

The General Committee have agreed that the match shirts be handed to the coach at the beginning of the season, and they will be responsible for ensuring the 20 shirts are kept in good order, only given out prior to matches and collected in after matches. This task and the cleaning of the match shirts can also be undertaken by a representative. Any change to this process must be communicated to the Chair of M&Js and with the General Committee.

It is also a vision that training tops may also be provided through sponsorship and will be a standard colour – Navy Blue, long sleeved showerproof over tops. These may be sponsored by one overall sponsor or separately per team as funding allows.

- The number of playing shirts provided to each team is 20, which will cover playing members.
- These will be in the GRUFC colours and match the current 1XV playing shirts. The GRUFC logo will be on the front of the shirt and a sponsor may be displayed as agreed with the sponsorship team.
- Playing shirts are supplied by the Clubs preferred supplier O’Neills. (sales@oneillsuk.com)
- Shorts will be black and obtained by the player / parent or guardian
- Socks will be Black with a Royal blue turn back and obtained by the player / parent.
- Boots will be supplied by the player / parent or guardian.
- Gumshields are optional however GRUFC recommends the use of gumshields as per RFU guidance and stocks may be kept at the club for purchasing.
- Head Protection is optional, however GRUFC recommends that any should be fitted correctly and obtained from an approved supplier.

The General committee, Director or Rugby and Chair of M&Js will decide on the M&J playing kit at the start of each season, however it is envisaged that shirts will last for 3 years.

### **U6s & Mini Tots**

The U6 and Mini Tots teams who do not participate in any match play, may decide to opt for the standard playing top set out for the club, or may decide to choose a long sleeved Navy vector, showerproof over top to keep this age group warm and dry during training, however that will be the decision of the Chair of M&JS and the respective team coaches.

### **U7s - U16s**

A set of sublimated or embroidered match playing shirts will be provided to each team by the club or via direct sponsorship.

The number of shirts to be provided will be 20.

These shirts will only be used for playing matches and given out / collected in by the coach at each match.

The specific team coaches and / or representatives from each team will be responsible for:

- Giving guidance to players, parents & guardians on the terms of the kit policy and also for obtaining the correct sizes and numbers of shirts needed etc.
- For overseeing the storage, cleanliness and repair of the shirts and ensure that if a M&J member leaves the team that the shirt is returned in good order or a payment of reimbursement made. These will be handed out before a match and then collected in again after and will be held by the coach or representative.

Players, parents and / or guardians are asked to provide club socks, shorts and any other items of club kit that may be required, however if a sponsor chooses to fund these items, it is asked that the standard colours and kit is obtained. This will be discussed and agreed by the Sponsorship team.

## **Training kit guidance for the 2021/ 2022 season:**

Currently the club do not specify a mandatory training kit for any members, but they are encouraged to wear warm, suitable clothing and footwear as recommended by the coaches. Where possible club colours should be encouraged for visual standardisation across the club, however this is currently not obligatory. If a sponsor wishes to provide funding for any item of training kit for the teams then this will be arranged & agreed by the Sponsorship Team provided it is in line with the club's policy guidance.

- It training kit is purchased, it is encouraged that it should follow the club colours if possible – Navy, Black, Royal Blue or White. This will give a standardised approach and especially when worn at away venues or whilst representing the club at tournaments etc.
- Suggestions for kit may be as follows:
  - Navy Blue Vector long sleeved, water resistant training over top obtained from O'Neills may be worn for training or before & after matches, which has a GRUFC logo on the front and can be purchased directly from the supplier or through the club. If a sponsor wishes to fund this top, then they may have their logo on the front, back nor sleeve as agreed by the Sponsorship Team. This logo must be in the form of text and preferably not an image.
  - 1/4 Zip training top obtained from O'Neills
  - Navy or black tracksuit bottoms which may be plain and purchased at a variety of places or supplied by O'Neills with the club logo on the front.
  - Club polo shirts or hoodies are available from the club shop with a GRUFC logo on the front.
  - White, long-sleeved white club shirts and club ties are available to buy from the club shop if required and may be encouraged if representing the club at a home or away fixture, but this is in no way mandatory.
  - The club also may have for sale other items of clothing such as bobble hats, beanie hats, sweatshirts etc which may all have the GRUFC logo on the front and can be in any of the club colours as agreed by the Sponsorship team and General committee. These can be purchased directly through the club and will be displayed in the club house

\*Gumshields – further information.

The gum shield not only protects your teeth and gums, it can also reduce damage around the jaw and your chances of getting concussed. As every mouth is different, so every gum shield should be moulded to fit perfectly around the top half of a player's mouth. The best way of doing this is to go and see your dentist, who will make sure the

shield is right for your mouth. The other type of gum shield is the "boil in the bag" type which is moulded using hot water. Put the warm shield in your mouth and suck on it for roughly three minutes until it has moulded to the shape of your upper teeth. GRUFC recommend that any such items should only be obtained from an approved supplier.

**\*\* Head Protection – further information.**

When rugby turned professional in 1995, strict laws about using protective equipment on the pitch were put in force. Since October 2000, the International Rugby Board (IRB), must approve any form of head protection. Headgear is usually made from light synthetic materials capable of mitigating serious impact & often used by front row forwards to prevent blows to the head and damage to their ears while in scrums or mauls. Make sure it is comfortable and fits properly - otherwise it will cause unwanted pain and injury & make sure the cap does not cause any problems in the scrum. GRUFC recommend that any such items should only be obtained from an approved supplier.

*If funding is required for any item of kit / merchandise, the Sponsorship team must be notified and discussions, decisions and terms and conditions agreed as per the standard policy relating to provision of kit. No Sponsor must be approached, or arrangements made, without the prior knowledge of the sponsorship team and no items of kit must be sought or purchased without consultation and agreement with the sponsorship team & the club treasurer. This is to enable a standardised & professional approach when dealing with all aspects of sponsorship and to ensure that the club are fully aware of who specific sponsors are and that they are acknowledged and thanked in the appropriate manner. Please also refer to the Sponsorship Policy.*

***If a coach or member identifies someone who may be finding it difficult to obtain an item of clothing or footwear due to financial constraints, then the club committee will endeavour to assist as deemed necessary, whilst privacy and confidentiality are maintained.***