

Football Code of Conduct

As a club official I will:

- Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition's coaches, players and supporters.
- Adhere to the laws of the game.
- Always display and promote a high standard of behaviour.
- Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- Never engage in, or tolerate offensive insulting or abusive language or behaviour which may offend others.
- Always respect referees and officials, and any decisions they make.
- Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission.
- Always be punctual for training and on match days.
- Never play players who are known to be injured.
- Place the safety, well-being and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning.
- Ensure all activities I organise are appropriate for the players' ability level, experience and age.
- Explain exactly what I expect of players and what they can expect from me. Also involve and be prepared to coach children of all Abilities. Ensure the parents and carers of all players understand these expectations.
- Refrain from and refuse to tolerate any form of bullying or abuse.
- Develop a mutual trust and respect with every player to build their self esteem.
- Always make decisions which are in the best interest of the children and the Club.
- Never take alcohol or drugs whilst children are in their supervision.
- Always make time to listen to children's or parent's queries/ grievances and bring them to the attention of the club welfare officer or committee member.
- Speak to the child welfare officer or club official if I am unhappy about anything at the club.

I have read, understood and agree to comply with the above Code of Conduct.

Coach _____ **Date** _____

In order to maintain the high standards the club has set itself, Committee members, coaches, members and parents are expected to adhere to the code of conduct.

This code of conduct has been revised in line with the FA Respect programme.

Please read this and explain to younger children and then sign and date below their section in the booklet.

As the club committee we will:

- Set a positive example for others, especially for young players and supporters.
- Ensure that all parties adhere to the Code of Conduct and take appropriate action if not.
- Show respect for all match officials and others involved in the game.
- Provide all necessary kit and equipment.
- Ensure that all managers and coaches are CRB accepted and appropriately trained.
- Provide adequate insurance cover.
- Liaise with the child welfare officer to ensure all related issues are addressed.
- Fairly address any grievances and make decisions that are in the best interests of the club.

I have read, understood and agree to comply with the above Code of Conduct.

Committee _____ **Date** _____

Copy retained by Child Welfare Officer

Child Welfare Officer _____

As a member I will:

Always do my best, even when we are losing or the other team is stronger.

Play fairly, I won't cheat, complain or waste time.

Never be rude to my team-mates, the other team, the referee, spectators or my manager and coaches.

Never use language which may offend others.

Do what the referee tells me and respect the decisions they make.

Shake hands with the referee and other team at the end of the game.

Always be punctual for training and on match days.

Listen to my manager or coach and respect what he/she says.

Always wear suitable kit, as required by the coaches.

Attend training sessions and if ever unable to attend inform the manager or coach in advance.

If playing regularly for one of the teams and unavailable for a match, give as much notice as possible to the team manager.

Don't expect money or gifts from parents as a reward for scoring goals as this discourages team play.

Never take alcohol or drugs whilst under the supervision of a Club official.

Always encourage other members.

Tell coaches if you have any injuries.

Talk to someone I trust, eg. my parents or the club welfare officer if I am unhappy about anything at my club.

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Member _____ **Date** _____

As a parent or carer spectator I will:

Remember that children play for **FUN**.

Remain outside the field of play and behind Designated Spectator Area at all times during the match.

Always respect referees, other officials and any decisions they make.

Respect the Club and opposition's coaches, players and supporters, property and equipment.

Encourage all players to respect the opposition and match officials.

Never engage in, or tolerate offensive insulting or abusive language or behaviour which may offend others.

Encourage all children at all times to applaud effort and good play as well as success.

Always let the manager and coaches do their job and not confuse players by telling them what to do.

Never criticise a player for making a mistake—mistakes are part of learning.

Refrain from rewarding their child financially for scoring goals as this discourages team play.

Notify the manager or coaches if your child has any injuries.

Ensure the manager/ coaches know the drop off and collection arrangements for your child after training and on match days for Under 14's and above.

For Under 13's and below ensure you drop off and collect your child at the appointed place.

Return all kit and other property to the club when requested.

Respect decisions made by Club officials, as they will always be made in the best interest of the Club.

Speak to the child welfare officer or club official if I am unhappy about anything at the club.

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Parent _____ **Date** _____