

Code of Conduct



Coaches, Team Managers, Club Officials

I will always use my position to set a positive example for the young people

I am responsible for.

- Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers and spectators. Adhere to the laws and spirit of the game.
- Promote fair play and high standards of behaviour.
- Respect the match official's decision.
- Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission.
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.
- Be gracious in Victory or Defeat.
- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything else, incl winning.
- Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying.
- Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- Ensure all activities I organise are appropriate for the players age, ability level and maturity.
- Co-operate fully with others in football (e.g. officials, CWO's, doctors, physiotherapists etc) for each player's best interests.

I understand that if I do not follow the code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA, or The FA

- Required to meet with the club, league, or County Welfare Officer.
- Obligated to undertake an FA education course.
- Suspended by the club from attending training and/or matches
- Suspended or fined by the County FA.
- Required to leave or be removed from my position by the club.
- Police involvement



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PLAYERS

- Always play to the best of my ability and for the benefit of the team.
- Play Fairly and respect my Team-mates, the opposition, the referee and ALL coaches.
- Play be the rules as directed by the referee.
- Be gracious in victory and defeat.
- Listen and respond to what my coaches tell me.
- Understand that the coach must do the best for the team and not one individual.
- Talk to someone I trust or the Club Welfare officer if I am unhappy about anything at my club.

I understand that if I do not follow the code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA, or The FA

- Be required to apologise to my team-mates, the opposition, referee or team manager.
- Receive a formal warning from the coach or the club. Be dropped or substituted.
- Be suspended from training/matches.
- Be required to leave the team/club.
- My Club, County FA or The FA may make my parent or carer aware of any infringements of the code of conduct.
- The County FA/FA could impose a fine and suspension against my team/club.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS

- Remember that children play for FUN.
- Applaud effort and good play from both sides.
- Appreciate good play from whatever team it comes from.
- Respect the referee's decision even when you do not agree with them.
- Remain behind the Respect Barrier and within the designated spectator's area.
- Let the coaches do their job and not confuse players by giving them further instructions.
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials.
- Support positively and offer players encouragement not criticism.
- Never engage in, or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.

I understand that if I do not follow the code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA, or The FA

- Issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official.
- Required to meet with the club, league or CWO.
- Obligated to undertake an FA education course.
- Obligated to leave the match venue.
- Requested not to attend future training or matches.
- Suspended or have my Club membership removed.
- Required to leave the club along with my dependents.
- The FA/County FA could impose a fine and/or suspension on the club.
- Police involvement