

# **CODES OF CONDUCT**

## **Team Manager**

1. As a Team Manager, you by your actions and conduct, should set a good example at all times, for your players, parents/guardians and spectators.
2. Read and understand the code for participants and spectators. Actively promote and adhere to these codes.
3. Place the safety and well-being of each player above all other considerations including the result of the game.
4. Ensure that each player is correctly dressed with the necessary safety equipment, shin pads etc., before being allowed to play.
5. Get treatment for an injured player immediately and co-operate fully with other specialists in the best interest of the player.
6. Never either physically or mentally push children beyond their abilities. The game is of minor consideration when compared to the child's future health and well-being.
7. Encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance. Never condone unacceptable behaviour by not acting upon it.
8. Always ensure you are prompt, courteous and correct when dealing with the League Officials, opposition Managers, Referees and Assistant Referees. Confirm venues, times and dates etc, as early as possible and at reasonable times during the day.
9. Read, understand and be aware of your responsibilities as laid down in your League Handbook.
10. Check that you have the necessary equipment, documentation and first aid kit before you leave for the match or training.
11. Read the Laws of the Game and assist your players in understanding them.
12. Promote the Club's Code of Conduct.
13. Agree, within a 12-month period, to take part in an educational course organised by the respective League, County Football Association or the National Football Association.
14. Agree to a police check with regard to your suitability to work with children.

## **For the Parent/Guardian/Carer & Spectator.**

1. Do not force an unwilling child to participate in football.
2. Remember children are involved in football for their enjoyment, not yours.
3. Encourage your child to play to the Laws of the Game and not to argue with Referees and other officials.
4. Teach your child that honest effort is more important than victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
5. Turn losing into winning by helping your child work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship. Never ridicule or yell at your child for making a mistake or losing a game.
6. Remember that children learn by best example. Applaud good play by your team and by members of the opposition.
7. Do not question the Referee's judgement or honesty. Remember he/she is only human with the same feelings as you and like you, sometimes may make an honest error.
8. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's football.

9. Recognise the value and importance of coaches who are all volunteers. They give children their time and resources to provide football for your child.
10. Recognise your responsibility to deliver your child to training and matches, both home and away, on time. Collect your child promptly at the end of the training session/match. The club is not a crèche.
11. Read the Laws of the Game to understand better what you are looking at and commenting on.
12. Be on your best behaviour. Do not use abusive language or harass, physically or verbally, players, managers, coaches, referees or assistant referees.
13. Applaud all good play by both your team and the other team.
14. Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game.
15. Condemn the use of violence and verbal abuse.
16. Promote this Code of Conduct amongst other Parents/Guardians & Spectators.

### **Player's Code of Conduct**

1. Play for the 'fun of it, not just to please your parents or coach.
2. Play by the Laws of the Game.
3. Never argue with the Referee or Assistant Referee's decisions.
4. Control your temper and use your energies for playing better football.
5. Play well for yourself and your team; your team's performance will benefit and so will your own.
6. Be a good sport.
7. Recognise all good play, whether by your team or your opponent's team.
8. Treat all players, as you would like to be treated.
9. Do not interfere, bully or take unfair advantage of any other player.
10. Remember that the aims of the game are to have fun, improve your skills and feel good.
11. Co-operate with your coach, manager, teammates and opponents, for without them you would not have a game.
12. Learn the Laws of the Game and you will be a much better player.
13. Promote the code of conduct amongst your teammates.