



CODE OF CONDUCT

This Code of Conduct outlines that the club's coaches disassociate themselves from a win 'at all costs' attitude. Their priority is the health, safety, welfare and moral education of the children before the achievement or reputation of the club, coaches or parents.

To ensure the code is fair, equitable & effective, it sets out what the coaches will expect in return from the children and parents, guardians & spectators.

The club has set out the format below as a benchmark for all those involved in the football sessions.

The coaches will:

- Respect the rights, dignity & worth of every child and treat each equally within the context of the sport
- Place the welfare and safety of each child above all considerations, including the development of performance
- Endeavour to adhere to all guidelines laid down by the Football Association as may be applicable to the club
- Develop an appropriate relationship with each child based on mutual trust and respect
- Not exert any undue influence or pressure on the children
- Encourage and guide the children to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance
- Ensure the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of children
- At the outset, tell the children and, where appropriate, the parents or guardians, what is expected of them and what they are entitled to from the coaches
- Co-operate with specialist persons if it is in the interests of the children
- Always promote the positive aspects of football and never condone any violations or behaviour contrary to the Laws of the Games
- Consistently display high standards of behaviour and appearance
- Not use or tolerate inappropriate, abusive or racist language

The children will be expected to:

- Make positive efforts to develop their own sporting abilities in terms of skill, technique, tactics and stamina
- Set a positive example for others, particularly younger children & spectators
- Play positively and strive for best performance irrespective of match results
- Avoid all forms of gamesmanship and time-wasting
- Always have regard to the best interests of the game
- Not use inappropriate, abusive or racist language
- Make every effort consistent with fair play and the Laws of the Game to help their own team win
- Treat opponents with respect at all times, irrespective of game results
- Safeguard the physical fitness of opponents, avoid violence and rough play and help injured opponents
- Respect the fair decisions of coaches and referees without protest
- Avoid words or actions which may mislead coaches/referees
- Show due respect to coaches and referees
- Abide by instructions of their coaches relating to Laws of the Game
- Show due respect to any opponents' coaches
- Show due respect to supporters and spectators

Parents, guardians and spectators will be expected to:

- Give positive encouragement that will contribute to children enjoying football, gaining a sense of personal achievement, self-esteem and improving their skills and techniques
- Display positive expectation and attitude that has a beneficial effect on the children's attitude towards other players, coaches, referees and spectators
- Be positive and encouraging towards all the children, not just their own, by applauding the opposing team, avoid coaching their child during a game, not shout or scream, give attention to each child involved not just the most talented and give encouragement to everyone to participate in football

This code adopts guidelines laid down by the Football Association

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