

**RESPECT - CODE OF CONDUCTS – Youth**

The purpose of this document is to explain what is expected from the players and parents and what you can expect from the club.

Name of Child:

Age Group:

**PLAYERS**

**When playing football, I will:**

- Always do my best, even if we're 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 coach/team manager
- Do what the referee tells me
- Shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game
- Listen to my coach/team manager and respect what he/she says
- Talk to someone I trust, for example my parents or the club welfare officer if I'm unhappy about anything at my club.

**If I break the code, the following action can be taken:**

- Speak to me and warn me to improve my behaviour.
- Speak to my mum, dad or carer about my behaviour.
- Stop me from training.
- Stop me from playing in the next match or a number of matches.
- Not allow me to register next season.
- Serve a suspension.
- Pay a fine
- Leave the club.
- My club could also be formally penalised
- Have my registration taken away by the League

**PARENTS / CARERS / SPECTATORS**

**I / We will:**

- Remain outside the field of play and behind the Designated Spectator Area/Marking (where provided).
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Always respect the match officials' decisions
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success.

**In addition, when attending youth games I will:**

- Remember that children play for FUN
- Let the coaches do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition and match officials
- Never criticise a player for making a mistake -mistakes are part of learning.

**If I break the code, the following action can be taken:**

- A verbal warning from my club coach/team manager, the league official or the referee.
- Being asked to leave the match venue by the Club.
- Being asked by the Club not to attend future games.
- If a parent, my child not being allowed to register next season.
- My club could be formally penalised
- Being asked to leave the club

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## **CLUB / COACH / TEAM MANAGERS / CLUB OFFICIALS**

### **will:**

- Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators
- Respect and Adhere to the Laws of the Game
- Display and promote high standards of behaviour
- Always respect the match officials' decisions
- Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission
- Never engage in public criticism of the match officials
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, abusive language or behaviour.

### **When working with players, I will:**

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning
- Explain exactly what I expect of players and what they can expect from me/ us
- Ensure the parents/carers of all players under the age of 18 understand these expectations
- Refrain from, and refuse to tolerate any form of bullying
- Develop mutual trust and respect with every player to build their self-esteem
- Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance
- Ensure all activities I organise are appropriate for the players' ability level, experience, age and maturity
- Co-operate fully with others in football (e.g. officials, doctors, physiotherapists, welfare officers) for each player's best interests.

### **I will not or encourage:**

- Bully, intimidate, abuse, discriminate against or knowingly undermine anyone I work with – including players.
- Repeatedly criticise or abuse the referee.
- Enter the field of play, without the referee's permission.
- Swear at or abuse a player, referee, spectator or club official.
- Use inappropriate coaching/training methods, such as pushing young players too hard.

### **If I break any of the code, the following action can be taken:**

- Attending an FA workshop (e.g. on the Laws of the Game, Safeguarding Children or Equality);
- Being asked to leave the club.
- Being mentored by another club coach or the County Welfare Officer.
- Reported by the referee at end of a game.
- Taking an FA coaching qualification.
- Serving a suspension.
- Paying a fine.
- My club could also be formally penalised.
- Have my registration revoked by the League

**I understand that breaches of the code may result in action being taken by my County FA and / or The FA, which are outlined in this document**

Parent/Carer's Signature	Player's Signature	Club *Secretary's / *Team Manager's Signature *(delete as appropriate)
(Print name)	(Print name)	(Print name)
Date	Date	Date

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