



# Respect Code of Conduct



## Young Players

When playing football I will:

- Always play to my best ability and for the benefit of my team
- Play fairly - I won't cheat, dive, complain or waste time
- Respect my team-mates, the other team, the referee or my coach/manager
- Play by the rules, as directed by the referee
- Be gracious in victory and defeat, I will shake hands with the other team and the referee before and at the end of each match
- Listen and respond to what my coach/manager tells me
- Understand that a coach has to do what is best for the team and not one individual player
- Talk to someone I trust or the club Welfare Officer if I'm 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**

I may:

- Be required to apologise to my team-mates, the other team, referee or team manager
- Receive a formal warning from the coach or the club committee
- Be dropped or substituted
- Be suspended from training/matches
- Be required to leave the club

In addition:

- My club may make my parent or carer aware of any infringements of the Code of Conduct
- The FA/County FA could impose a fine and suspension against my club



## Spectators and Parents/Carers

We all bear a collective responsibility to set a good example and help provide a positive environment in which children can learn and enjoy the game.

Play your part and observe the FA's Respect Code of Conduct for spectators at all times:

- Remember that children play for FUN
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success
- Respect the referee's decisions even when you don't agree with them
- Appreciate good play from whatever team it comes from
- Remain behind touchline and the designated Spectator's Area (where provided)
- Let the coaches do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials
- Support positively
- When players make a mistake offer them encouragement not criticism
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive insulting, abusive language or behavior

**I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by the club, County FA or the FA.**

I may be:

- Issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official
- Required to meet with the club, league or CFA Welfare Officer
- Required to meet with the club committee
- Obligated to undertake an FA education course
- Obligated to leave the match venue by the club
- Requested by the club not to attend future matches/training
- Suspended or may have club membership removed
- Required to leave the club along with any dependants

In addition:

- The FA/County FA could impose a fine and/or suspension on the club



## Coaches, Team Managers and Club Officials

We all bear a collective responsibility to set a good example and help provide a positive environment in which children can learn and enjoy the game.

Play your part and observe the FA's Respect Code of Conduct for spectators at all times.

On and off the field, I will:

- Use my position to set a positive example for the people I am responsible for
- Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators
- Adhere to the laws and spirit of the game
- Promote fair play and high standards of behavior
- Respect the match officials decision
- Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behavior
- Be aware of the potential impact of bad language on other participants, facility users or neighbours
- Be gracious in victory and defeat

When working with players, I will:

- Place the wellbeing, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning
- Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying
- Ensure all activities I organise are appropriate for the players ability level, age and maturity
- Co-operate fully with others in football (e.g; officials, doctors, physiotherapists, welfare officers) for each players best interest

**I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by the club, County FA or the FA.**

I may be:

- Required to meet with the club, league or County Welfare Officer
- Suspended by the club from attending matches
- Suspended or fined by the County FA
- Required to leave or be sacked by the club

In addition:

- My FA Coaching License may be withdrawn



## Match Officials

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

The behaviour of the match officials has an impact directly and indirectly, on the conduct of everyone involved in the game - both on the pitch and on the sidelines.

Play your part and observe The FA Respect Code of Conduct of match officials at all time.

I will:

- Be honest and completely impartial at all times
- Apply the Laws of the Game and competition rules fairly and consistently
- Manage the game in a positive, calm and confident manner
- Deal with all instances of violence, aggression, unsporting behaviour, foul play and other misconduct
- Never tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour from players and team officials
- Support my match official colleagues at all times
- Set a positive personal example by promoting good behaviour and showing respect to everyone involved in the game
- Communicate with the players and encourage fair play
- Respond in clear, calm and confident manner to any appropriate request for clarification by the team captains
- Prepare physically and mentally for every match
- Complete and submit, accurate and concise reports within the time limit required for games in which I officiate

**I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by the club, County FA or the FA.**

I may be:

- Required to meet with The FA/County FA Refereeing Official
- Required to meet with The FA/County FA Refereeing Committee