



# Code of Conduct

The club's code of conduct is governed by the Football Association's "[Respect](#)" campaign. All the information about this can be found [here](#).

The FA's Respect campaign has codes of conduct for:

1. Young Players
2. Coaches, Team Managers and Club Officials
3. Spectators and Parents/Carers
4. Match officials

This document and the FA's "Respect" campaign are the framework for the club's code of conduct. As well as the above FA codes of conduct, the club has its own rules, to sit alongside the FA's.

A player or the parent or guardian on behalf of a player who registers to play for the club is accepting the club's code of conduct. It is the responsibility of each club official, player, parent or guardian to read the club's code of conduct and refer to the FA Respect's campaign webpage and associated codes of conduct. Not knowing the club's code of conduct is not a defence in any complaints received or disciplinary action taken.

## Code of Conduct Rules

1. All members are expected to behave in a responsible way, respecting adults, opposition officials and match officials. It is hoped that at the conclusion of a game both teams shake the hands of the opposition, club officials and match officials.
2. The Club reserves the right to implement disciplinary action on any member or parent, guardian or spectator who's behaviour is not in line with this code. This can take the form of a pitchside ban, financial penalty on top of any levied by the League or Durham Football Association or termination of membership. This decision lies with the Executive Committee and their decision is final.
3. Players (or their parents / guardians) who incur fines during the course of a match will be responsible for the payment of any fine imposed. All fines incurred by players will be centrally recorded and a QR code will be sent directly to the Player (or their parent /guardian) so that the payment can be made. Late payment fee may be added if the fine is not paid within 7 days. If the fine remains unpaid then the club reserves the right to suspend the player until the fine is paid.

4. All parents, **guardians, spectators** and club officials are expected to behave in a responsible manner, respecting the decisions of match officials and acting in a courteous way to all.
5. The [Fair Play Charter](#) which covers Youth Football shall be complied with. In the main this covers many common-sense issues and is incumbent with good behaviour, respect and responsibility of members, Club officials and supporters.

Official complaints should be directed through the players Team Manager or Assistant and they will be submitted to the Club Executive Committee for discussion and decision. The Executive Committees' decision is final.

**The above code applies whilst members, officials, parents and spectators are on Club duty, i.e. training, friendly and competitive matches, Club trips and whilst representing the Club and under the supervision of Club officials.**