



CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS/CARERS

Parents and guardians/carers have a great influence on children's enjoyment and success in football. **It is important to remember that however good a child becomes at football whilst playing for this club, positive encouragement to all players is essential and will contribute to**

- Children enjoying football
- A sense of personal enjoyment
- Self esteem
- Improving the child's skills and techniques

A parents/guardians/carers expectations and attitudes have a significant bearing on a child's attitude towards other players, officials, managers and spectators. Adults should always aim to

- Enable the player to have a clear understanding of the standards of behaviour expected
- Help players to understand the rules
- Display patience
- Appreciate that adults football and children's football are not the same

For the enjoyment of all members the following code of conduct is expected by be followed by ALL parents/guardians/carers:

- Parents must develop an appropriate and supportive relationship with both the manager and their child based on mutual respect and understanding

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- Applaud the opposition as well as your own team. Show them respect; without them there'd be no game
- Emphasise the importance of striving to win, as much as winning itself. Praise effort and performance more than results
- Parents must display high standards of behaviour and should avoid coaching during training and matches and must not shout and scream at players.
- Do not use profane language or harass, physically or verbally abuse young players, managers coaches or match officials
- Respect all officials' decisions whether qualified or unqualified. New and young officials should be encouraged and supported
- Do not make any comments other than complimentary towards players, officials and supporters of opposing teams
- Avoid becoming frustrated or ridiculing young players for focusing on their failings
- Offer plenty of support and positive encouragement towards all players during matches
- Wherever possible players who require help should be assisted and encouraged in a positive way
- Ensure that all players are dressed appropriately for the weather conditions and have the correct footwear, shin pads, drinks and a coat or similar to keep warm
- Inform the manager if a child cannot attend training or match days and make every effort to arrive on time
- Respect the decisions and team selection of the manager. These are the sole responsibility of the manager, whose decision is final
- Complaints in respect of running a game must be dealt with by the team manager. It is not acceptable for individuals to take matters into their own hands
- Adhere to and promote the positive aspects of the sport



- Give attention to each of the children involved in football not just the most talented
- Respect all members of the club and the decisions made by the Committee
- Parents and spectators must remain at least one meter behind the sideline and not behind the goal line nor in the coaching area
- They must NOT enter the field of play at any time other than requested to do so by the match official

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

- Be issued with a verbal or written warning from a club or league official
- Be required to meet with members of the club committee to include the club Welfare Officer
- Be required to meet with the, league or Kent FA Welfare Officer.
- Be requested to undertake an FA education course
- Be required to leave the match venue by the club
- Be requested by the club not to attend future games.
- Be suspended by the Club.
- Be requested to leave the club along with any dependants.