

GRASSROOTS CODE FOR YOUTH FOOTBALL



We're here to enjoy ourselves...win, lose or draw. To help make football more enjoyable for all I should:

-  Remember that football is about enjoyment, not just winning.
-  Encourage others and behave well.
-  Bring a positive attitude to training and matches.
-  Recognise when my team-mates give respect, work together, or try their best

We always treat others as we'd like to be treated. To give respect at football I must:



-  Always use respectful language and actions.
-  Not argue with the referee, coach, and officials, and accept their decisions about football and my behaviour.
-  Show fair play by shaking hands with our opponents whether we win, lose or draw.
-  Tidy up after myself and take care of the facilities we use.

We embrace our differences, football is a game for everyone. To be inclusive at football I must:



-  Welcome everyone, whoever they are and whatever their background or ability.
-  Involve everyone and always be kind.
-  Treat everyone fairly and tell a trusted adult if this doesn't happen.
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We're a team, on and off the pitch. To help us bond as a team I should:

-  Encourage my team-mates if they make a mistake.
-  Try my best and help my team, by being positive and supportive.
-  Play fairly, without cheating, diving, complaining, or wasting time.
-  Accept that I may not be able to play in my favourite position all the time, or that I may need to take a break to give someone else playing time.
-  Recognise that if I'm the Captain, I need to try hard to set a positive example for others to follow

We all have a role in safeguarding children. To help keep everyone safe I must:



-  Remember football is about making friends, learning new skills and of course, being active!
-  Take responsibility, encourage others, and keep it positive.
-  Know that I have a right:
 -  To feel safe online and offline.
 -  To have healthy relationships with appropriate boundaries.
 -  Not to feel uncomfortable or unsafe.
 -  Not to be bullied, harassed, or intimidated.
 -  Not to be treated unfairly

If I don't follow the Code of Conduct;

I understand that my Club, League or County FA may take action, that could include:



-  Giving me a verbal warning.
-  Inviting me to a meeting to explain my behaviour.
-  Warning me about my behaviour.
-  Asking that I complete an FA education course.
-  Suspending me, meaning I do not take part in games for a period of time.
-  Removing my registration, meaning I can't play for my team again.
-  Fining and/or suspending my Club.



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SIGNED:

DATE:

(Ask all team members to sign their name in the box below).



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