



# Respect



## Code of Conduct

### Coaches & Managers

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

In the FA's survey of 37,000 grassroots participants, behaviour was the biggest concern in the game. This included the abuse of match official and the unacceptable behaviour of over-competitive parents, spectators and coaches on the sideline.

Play your part and observe the Football Association's Respect Code of Conduct in everything we do.

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#### On and off the field, I will:

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- 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 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 or abusive language or behaviour.

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

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- 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.
- Ensure all parents/carers of all players under the age of 18 understand these expectations.
- Never engage in, or 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 player's ability level, age and maturity.
- Co-operate fully with others in football (e.g. officials, doctors, physiotherapists, Welfare Officers) for each player's best interests.

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#### I understand that if I do not follow the Code, Winchester Youth FC, Hampshire FA, league or The FA may take any of the following actions:

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- Required to meet with the club, league or Hampshire FA Welfare Officer.
- Required to meet with the Club Committee.
- Monitored by another club coach.
- Required to attend a FA education course.
- Suspended by the club from attending matches.
- Suspended or fined by the Hampshire FA.
- FACA membership withdrawn.
- Required to leave or be sacked by the Club.