



CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COACHES

1. I will develop an appropriate working relationship with each player based on mutual trust and respect.
2. I will place the wellbeing and safety of each player above all considerations. I will inform parents of any significant injury (e.g. a clash of heads). If the player needs to attend hospital as a result of an injury sustained during training or a match I will inform The Club Secretary who will enter a record in The Club's Injury Record Book.
3. I will report any concerns with regards to the wellbeing of a child to The Club's Child Welfare Officers.
4. I must adhere to The Club's Constitution, Code of Conduct and Child Welfare Policy. I will maintain and update all relevant qualifications that are required for my position as a coach. These include FA/UEFA certifications, Emergency Aid, Safeguarding Children and FA enhanced CRB/DBS checks.
5. I will refrain from, and refuse to tolerate, any form of bullying.
6. I will not inappropriately discuss, in depth, an absent child with other players or their parents.
7. I will co-operate fully with other individuals and organisations (e.g. schools, coaches, physiotherapists, doctors) to act in the best interest of the player.
8. I will always promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play, sportsmanship and good behaviour). I will never condone violations of the laws of the game.
9. I will encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
10. At the outset I will clarify with the players, and where appropriate their parents, exactly what is expected of them and also what they are entitled to expect from their coach.
11. I will give players in the squad the opportunity and experience of playing in matches, and will also give encouragement, constructive motivation and only constructive criticism.
12. I will supervise the players on both arrival and departure at training and game days.
13. I will attend all coaching sessions throughout the season unless I otherwise arrange for another coach to cover the session.
14. If I am going to be late for any session or game I will inform someone at the venue as early as possible.
15. I will offer the players a variety of structured coaching sessions throughout the season.
16. I understand that activities should be appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players.
17. I will be liable for any administration fines levied against my assigned team (i.e. playing an ineligible player, failure to submit team statistics).
18. I will remain open minded to new ideas and suggestions from the rest of the coaching team to help my own development.
19. I will conduct myself in a professional manner at all times both on and off the pitch. By maintaining the very highest professional standards for me & my players throughout the season it will give my players the best opportunity to develop and progress as footballers this year.

20. I will not smoke or engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour in or around the players or football club, and I will not drink alcohol whilst in charge of the children.
21. I will not take any frustrations out on a player, or group of players, and I'm aware of my responsibilities as an adult and a coach and will behave accordingly.
22. I will show respect to others involved in the game and will not make derogatory remarks towards match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators and I will always respect the match officials' decisions.
23. I will never enter the field of play without the referee's permission and remain within the technical area during games.
24. I will wear either The Club's or neutral clothing for all coaching sessions.
25. I understand that all kit and equipment issued should be solely for use in St Neots Town Youth F.C. matches and training and should not be used elsewhere.
26. **I understand that breaches of the code may result in any/all of the following actions being taken by The Club, Hunts FA, league and /or The FA:**
 - Required to meet with The Club, league or County Welfare Officer
 - Required to meet with The Club committee
 - Monitored by another Club coach
 - Required to attend an FA education course
 - Suspended by The Club from attending matches
 - Suspended or fined by the Hunts FA
 - FACA membership withdrawn
 - Required to leave The Club.