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## **CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS**

- 1. I will respect my fellow squad members and team coaches.
- 2. I will maintain the very highest professional standards for myself throughout the season, on and off the field of play, which will give me the best opportunity to develop and progress as a footballer this year.
- 3. I will respect the laws of the game and will always do my best, but fairly and with a good sporting attitude. I won't cheat, complain or waste time and I will do what the referee tells me to do.
- 4. I will shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game.
- 5. I will attend all coaching sessions throughout the season unless I otherwise inform my coach at the previous session or by phone.
- 6. I will attend training sessions and matches on time. If I am going to be late for any session or game I will inform my coach as early as possible.
- 7. I will introduce myself by shaking hands with my coach on arrival at training and game days and I will inform my coach of who will be collecting me at the end.
- 8. I will inform my coach if I've been involved in physical activities during the day prior to the training session (PE, school matches, other sports clubs etc.).
- 9. I will ask my coach exactly what they expect from me. If I do not quite understand I will ask him or her for a clear explanation.
- 10. I will listen to my coach and respect what he/she says.
- 11. I will prepare my own equipment and will clean and polish my own boots prior to each coaching session or game.
- 12. I understand shin pads and appropriate footwear must be worn for safety. I will not be allowed to wear a watch or jewellery during a match or training.
- 13. My clothing and belongings are my responsibility, even when left in changing rooms. My team coach or a parent may advise me what to do with, or may look after, my valuables but they should not be held responsible for them. (Note: The Club advises that valuables are left at home where possible.)
- 14. I will not tolerate bullying of any kind (e.g. physical, mental, on-line, text). I understand that bullying is not acceptable behaviour at St Neots Town Youth F.C. and will not abuse or bully a fellow teammate. If I'm a victim of bullying I will tell my parents/guardian, a teammate or team coach. St Neots Town Youth F.C. will investigate the incident and deal with the concerns in a discreet manner.
- 15. If I'm worried about the behaviour of anyone (adult or child) involved with my team I will tell my parents/guardians and coach. I understand that my concerns will be taken seriously.
- 16. I understand that my team manager/coach, other players and parents should show me respect. If I feel that I've received unfair criticism, or have been spoken to in an unacceptable manner, then I will contact my coach, another player or my parents/guardian. I understand my concerns will be taken seriously.
- 17. I understand that foul & abusive language towards other players, officials or supporters will not be tolerated on or off the field of play

- 18. If I have an injury then I will inform my team coach, who will respect my decision whether to play in a match or take part in training or not. Also, if my coach feels it is not appropriate for me to train or play with an injury then I will respect this decision.
- 19. If injured during training, or at a match, and subsequently require hospital or doctors' treatment due to the injury I will ask my parents to inform my coach as soon as possible. They must record the incident into The Club's Accident Record Book by contacting The Club Secretary.
- 20. I will make sure that I show my parents/guardians any team newsletters I am given.
- 21. 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:
  - Be required to apologise to my team-mates, the other team, referee or team manager.
  - Receive a formal warning from the coach or The Club Committee.
  - Be dropped or substituted.
  - Be suspended from training.
  - Be required to leave the club.
  - My Club, Hunts FA or The FA may make my parent or carer aware of any infringements of the Code of Conduct.
  - The FA/County FA could impose a fine and suspension against my Club.