



## Code of Conduct for Coaches/Officials

Ellon Meadows Football Club fully supports the Codes of Conduct as introduced by the Scottish Football Association.

I hereby pledge to:

1. Allow all players, no matter their level of ability, the opportunity to play.
2. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every player and treat everyone equally within the context of football.
3. Always pursue fair play.
4. Lead by example and respect all players, coaches, referees and spectators.
5. Never publicly criticise referees – accept officials' judgements, and I will raise any personal concerns with officials in private.
6. Use correct and proper language at all times and not use ugly remarks, based on race, religion, gender or ability – I will only let myself and EMFC down if I do, and many such comments are now illegal.
7. Never engage in public criticism of match officials, my own team or the opposition via Internet or social media postings (i.e. Twitter, Facebook etc) – this is viewed as a serious misconduct with the SYFA, who will take disciplinary action against relevant parties.
8. Prohibit use of camcorders and cameras unless parental consent has been provided.
9. Place safety and well being of the player above the development of performance.
10. Be aware of the SFA's and EMFC Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy and Procedures.
11. Ensure that coaching sessions are enjoyable, well structured and focus on developing skills, decision-making and a general understanding of the game.
12. Develop an appropriate working relationship with players based on mutual trust and respect.
13. Encourage players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
14. Ensure that sessions and games are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of the individual.
15. Display high standards of appearance and behaviour.
16. Know where to find appropriate first-aid.
17. Hold a current membership list and have a register available at all activities.

By registering as a coach/official with EMFC, I agree to abide by these principles. I support the Club in its undertakings and encourage the Club to take any necessary disciplinary actions, where warranted of any coaches, players, parents/carers and spectators for repeated or serious breaches of these Code of Conducts. I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by EMFC:

I may be:

- Required to meet with EMFC Committee.
- Suspended by EMFC from attending matches/training.
- Required to leave EMFC

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**Coach/Official Signature**

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**Team**

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**Date**

