



Terms of Reference (ToR) for Children's Football Players (UK)

1. Purpose

This document outlines the expectations, responsibilities, rights, and standards of behaviour for children participating in football activities organised by the Club. The purpose is to provide a safe, enjoyable, inclusive, and developmental environment for all young players in accordance with safeguarding principles and the guidance of the The Football Association.

2. Scope

These Terms of Reference apply to all registered players under the age of 18 who participate in training sessions, matches, tournaments, football camps, and club-related activities.

3. Objectives

Players are expected to:

- Enjoy football in a safe and supportive environment.
- Develop football skills, fitness, teamwork, and sportsmanship.
- Respect coaches, teammates, officials, opponents, and spectators.
- Demonstrate positive behaviour both on and off the pitch.
- Contribute to an inclusive culture free from discrimination, bullying, or harassment.

4. Player Responsibilities

Attendance and Commitment

Players shall:

- Attend training sessions and matches regularly.
- Inform coaches or team managers as early as possible if unable to attend.
- Arrive punctually and prepared for all football activities.

5. Behaviour and Conduct

Players shall:

- Treat everyone with respect and courtesy.
- Follow instructions from coaches and club officials.



- Play fairly and within the Laws of the Game.
- Refrain from abusive language, violence, bullying, or discriminatory behaviour.
- Respect club facilities, equipment, and property.

6. Safety

Players shall:

- Wear appropriate football clothing and protective equipment, including shin pads.
- Follow all health and safety instructions.
- Report injuries, concerns, or safeguarding issues to a coach or welfare officer.

7. Rights of Players

All players have the right to:

- Participate in football free from abuse, neglect, bullying, or discrimination.
- Be treated fairly and with dignity.
- Receive appropriate coaching and support.
- Express concerns and be listened to.
- Enjoy football regardless of ability, gender, ethnicity, religion, disability, or background.

8. Safeguarding and Welfare

The Club is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. All coaches, volunteers, and officials must:

- Adhere to the Club's safeguarding policies.
- Maintain appropriate professional boundaries.
- Report concerns in accordance with safeguarding procedures.
- Support the physical and emotional wellbeing of all players.

Any safeguarding concern should be reported immediately to the Club Welfare Officer.

9. Parents and Guardians

Parents and guardians are expected to:



- Support their child's participation positively.
- Ensure children arrive and are collected safely.
- Respect coaches, referees, and other participants.
- Follow the Club's codes of conduct and safeguarding procedures.
- Communicate relevant medical or welfare information to the Club.

10. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

The Club is committed to providing equal opportunities and creating an environment where every child feels valued, respected, and included. Discrimination of any kind will not be tolerated.

11. Discipline and Breaches

Failure to comply with these Terms of Reference may result in:

- Verbal warning.
- Meeting with parents/guardians.
- Temporary suspension from training or matches.
- Removal from Club activities where appropriate.

Any disciplinary action will be proportionate, fair, and in line with Club policies.

12. Review

These Terms of Reference shall be reviewed annually by the Club Committee to ensure continued compliance with safeguarding requirements, football regulations, and best practice guidance.

Player Agreement

I understand and agree to follow these Terms of Reference and will do my best to contribute positively to my team and club.

Player Name: _____

Player Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____