

1. Player Code of Conduct

As a player of this club, you represent yourself, your team, and the club at all times.

Respect the Officials: Accept all decisions made by the referee and match officials without argument or complaint.

Play Fair: Play by the rules of the game. Never intentionally foul, dive, or attempt to injure another player.

Support Your Teammates: Encourage your teammates at all times. Bullying, blaming, or ridiculing others will not be tolerated.

Respect Opponents: Treat opposition players with respect. Shake hands before and after the match, regardless of the result.

Commitment and Punctuality: Arrive on time for training and matches. Notify the coaching staff as early as possible if you cannot attend.

Care for Equipment: Respect the club's training facilities, kits, and match equipment, as well as opposition property.

2. Coaches and Team Managers

Code of Conduct: Coaches are role models who set the tone for player behaviour, sportsmanship, and development.

Prioritise Well-being: Ensure the safety and well-being of all players above winning matches.

Inclusivity: Provide equal opportunities for development and encourage players of all skill levels.

Positive Reinforcement: Critique constructively. Praise effort, improvement, and good sportsmanship, not just winning.

Professionalism: Maintain high standards of personal conduct. Refrain from using abusive language or gestures toward players, parents, or officials.

Knowledge of the Rules: Understand and teach the laws of the game. Encourage players to compete within the rules.

3. Parents, Guardians, and Spectators Code of Conduct

Parents and spectators provide essential support, but their behaviour must remain strictly positive and non-disruptive.

Positive Encouragement: Cheer for good play from both teams. Avoid shouting negative comments at any player.

Let the Coaches Coach: Do not shout tactical instructions to players from the sidelines, as this confuses them and contradicts the coach.

Respect Official Decisions: Never abuse, confront, or harass match officials.

Model Good Sportsmanship: Condemn violence or verbal abuse in any form. Show respect to opposition parents and supporters.

Focus on Fun: Remember that children play football for their own enjoyment and development, not for the entertainment of adults.

4. Match Officials Code of Conduct

Referees and officials ensure matches are conducted safely and fairly.

Impartiality: Remain completely neutral and objective throughout the match.

Safety First: Prioritise player safety by enforcing the rules strictly regarding dangerous play.

Clear Communication: Manage the game with authority, courtesy, and respect for all participants.

Continuous Improvement: Keep up to date with the latest laws of the game and refereeing guidelines.

5. Social Media and Digital Communication

All members must use digital platforms responsibly when discussing club matters.

No Public Criticism: Do not post negative comments, criticisms, or complaints about club members, opposition teams, or match officials online.

Privacy: Do not share photos or videos of minors without explicit consent from parents or guardians.

Appropriate Messaging: Use official club channels for communication. Adult members must never message youth players directly without copying in a parent or guardian.

6. Disciplinary Action

Breaches of this Code of Conduct will be taken seriously. Depending on the severity of the infraction, actions may include:

- a. A formal verbal or written warning.
- b. Temporary suspension from training or match selection.
- c. Permanent expulsion from the football club.
- d. Reporting the incident to the local or national governing football association.