Ottershaw Junior Football Club – Players Code of Conduct

At Ottershaw Junior Football Club, every player is part of our team and our community. How you behave on and off the pitch helps make football enjoyable, safe and fun for everyone.

By playing for Ottershaw JFC, you agree to follow this Code of Conduct.

When Playing Football, I Will:

Play with Respect

- Treat my teammates, coaches, opponents, referees and spectators with respect.
- Use kind, positive language — never rude, insulting or abusive words.
- Respect the referee's decisions, even when I disagree.

Try My Best

- Always give my best effort, whether we are winning or losing.
- Keep going when things get difficult and support my teammates.
- Play fairly — I won't cheat, waste time or try to trick the referee.

Be a Good Teammate

- Encourage others and help everyone feel included.
- Celebrate effort, teamwork and learning, not just goals.
- Listen to my coach and follow instructions that help the team.

Show Good Sportsmanship

- Shake hands with the other team and the referee after the game.
- Respect the opposition — they are trying their best too.
- Accept that mistakes happen and learn from them.

Look After Myself and Others

- Tell my coach, parent or the Club Welfare Officer if something is worrying me.
- Speak up if I see behaviour that isn't kind or safe.
- Help make football a fun, friendly and safe place for everyone.

If I Do Not Follow This Code

I understand that if I break this Code of Conduct:

- My coach may speak to me about my behaviour.

- I may be asked to take a break from the game or training.
- My parents/carers may be contacted.
- Serious or repeated behaviour may lead to further action under the club's disciplinary procedures.

Our Promise to You

Ottershaw JFC promises to support you, help you learn, and make football a safe and enjoyable experience. We want you to grow as a player, a teammate and a person — and this Code helps us do that together