

Code of Conduct for all Parents and Spectators

Riverside tries to give players a good and worthwhile learning experience through football. Parents / Spectators have a great part to play as they influence children's enjoyment and success from the touchline.

Positive encouragement will contribute to:

- Children enjoying football more.
- A sense of personal achievement.
- Self-esteem.
- Improving the child's skills and techniques.

A parent's / spectator's expectations and attitudes have a significant bearing on a child's attitude towards:

- Other players.
- Officials.
- Managers.
- Spectators.

Youngsters are all different. They develop in different ways and at different rates. They will react differently to the same pressures and circumstances. This is part of their learning process. Riverside asks that all adults respect this and acknowledge that youngsters will make mistakes.

Above all, remember - Children play football because it's fun!

Spectators at all level in the Club should:

- Applaud the opposition as well as your own team.
- Avoid coaching.
- Be constructive.
- Help players to accept losing without undue disappointment.
- Help players to accept winning without gloating.
- Never ridicule or chastise a player for making a mistake.
- Encourage and praise the good points of teams and individuals at all times.
- Do not shout and scream.
- Encourage people to play by the rules of the game.
- Respect the referee's decision.
- Give attention to all the players involved and not just the most talented.
- Give encouragement to everyone to participate in football.
- Recognise that players are taking part for their own enjoyment and not to satisfy supporter's ambitions.
- Recognise the value of Team Managers, Coaches and Officials who give up their time to help youngsters.
- Reject corruption, drugs, and all forms of abuse in soccer.