**Code of Conduct**

**Young Players**

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

As a player, you have a big part to play. That’s why The FA is asking every player to follow a Respect Code of Conduct.

When playing football, I will:

* Always play to the best of my ability
* Play fairly – I won’t cheat, complain or waste time
* Respect my team-mates, the other team, the referee or my coach/manager
* Play by the rules, as directed by the referee
* Shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game
* Listen and respond to what my coach/ team manager tells me
* Give 100% effort and focus in training and matches and not act as a disruptive influence on the group

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club:

I may:

* Be required to apologise to my team-mates, the other team, referee or team manager
* Receive a formal warning from the coach or the club committee
* Be dropped or substituted
* Be suspended from training
* Be required to leave the club.

**Spectators & Parents/Carers**

Remember children’s football is a time for them to develop their technical, physical, tactical and social skills. Winning isn’t everything.

Play your part and observe Code of Conduct for spectators and parents/carers at all times.

I will:

* Remember that children play for FUN
* Applaud effort and good play as well as success
* Always respect the match officials’ decisions
* Remain outside the field of play and within the Designated Spectators’ Area (where provided)
* Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
* Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials
* Avoid criticising a player for making a mistake – mistakes are part of learning
* Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour.
* Ensure that my child arrives for training on time
* Ensure that my child arrives for matches 20 mins before kick off times to ensure that my child is able to warm up and listen to the coaches instructions.

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club:

I may be:

* Issued with a verbal warning from a club official
* Required to meet with the club Welfare Officer
* Required to meet with the club committee
* Obliged to undertake an FA education course
* Obliged to leave the match venue by the club
* Requested by the club not to attend future games
* Suspended or have my club membership removed
* Required to leave the club along with any dependents.

**Coaches, Team Managers & Club Officials**

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

In The FA’s survey of 37,000 grassroots participants, behaviour was the biggest concern in the game. This included the abuse of match officials and the unacceptable behaviour of over competitive parents, spectators, and coaches on the sideline.

On and off the field, I will:

* Respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators
* Adhere to the laws and spirit of the game
* Promote Fair Play and high standards of behaviour
* Always respect the match official’s decision
* Never enter the field of play without the referee’s permission
* Never engage in public criticism of the match officials
* Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour.
* Explain exactly what I expect of players and what they can expect from me
* Ensure all parents/carers of all players under the age of 18 understand these expectations
* Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying
* Develop mutual trust and respect with every player to build their self-esteem
* Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance in order to develop a winning mentality
* Ensure all activities I organise are appropriate for the players’ ability level, age and maturity
* Co-operate fully with others in football (e.g. officials, doctors, physiotherapists, welfare officers) for each player’s best interests.
* I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club:
* Required to meet with the club Welfare Officer
* Required to meet with the club committee
* Monitored by another club coach
* Required to attend an FA education course
* Suspended by the club from attending matches
* Required to leave or be sacked by the club.

**Signatures**

**Child:**

**Parent:**

**Coach:**