



Football is the national game. All those involved with the game at every level and whether as a player, match official, coach, owner or administrator, have a responsibility, above and beyond compliance with the law, to act according to the highest standards of integrity, and to ensure that the reputation of the game is, and remains, high. This Code applies to all those involved in football under the auspices of The Football Association.

Community: Football, at all levels, is a vital part of a community. Football will take into account community feeling when making decisions.

Equality: Football is opposed to discrimination of any form and will promote measures to prevent it, in whatever form, from being expressed.

Participants: Football recognises the sense of ownership felt by those who participate at all levels of the game. This includes those who play, those who coach or help in any way, and those who officiate, as well as administrators and supporters. Football is committed to appropriate consultation.

Young People: Football acknowledges that public confidence demands the highest standards of financial and administrative behaviour, and will not tolerate corruption or improper practices.

Trust and Respect: Football will uphold a relationship of trust and respect between all involved in the game, whether they are individuals, clubs or other organisations.

Violence: Football rejects the use of violence of any nature by anyone involved in the game.

Fairness: Football is committed to fairness in its dealings with all involved in the game.

Integrity and Fair Play: Football is committed to playing to win consistent with Fair Play.

RESPECT

Respect is The FA's response to a clear message from throughout the game, that the health of football depends upon high standards of behaviour on and off the pitch.

Respect is a behavioural code for Football o Respect is about recognising that the integrity of the game is more important than the result of the match o Respect is For ALL and plays a key part in uniting the game Respect is about creating an understanding of what is acceptable and unacceptable behaviour in Football o Respect is about those involved taking responsibility for the consequences of their own actions Respect is about supporting match officials to do their job. o Respect is not a slogan. It is a collective responsibility of those involved in football to create a safe, fun and inclusive environment in which the game can take place.

The following Respect Codes of Conduct outline the types of behaviour that will support a safe, fun and inclusive game in this country. They also identify a range of sanctions which may be taken if these codes are not abided by.

YOUNG PLAYERS - RESPECT CODE OF CONDUCT

When playing football, I will:

Always play to the best of my ability and for the benefit of my team

Play fairly – I won't cheat, dive, complain or waste time.

Respect my team-mates, the other team, the referee or my coach/team manager.

Play by the rules, as directed by the referee

Be gracious in victory and defeat – I will 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

Understand that a coach/team manager has to do what is best for the team and not one individual player

Talk to someone I trust or the club welfare officer if I'm unhappy about anything at my club.

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, league. County FA or The FA:

I may:

Be required to apologise to my team-mates, the other team, referee or team manager

Receive a formal warning from the coach/team manager or the club committee

My club, league, County FA or The FA may make my parent or carer aware of any infringements of the Code of Conduct the FA/County FA could impose a fine and suspension against my club

SPECTATORS - RESPECT CODE OF CONDUCT

We all bear a collective responsibility to set a good example and help provide a positive environment in which children can learn and enjoy the game.

Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for spectators at all times I will:

Remember that children play for FUN.

Applaud effort and good play as well as success.

Respect the Referee's decisions even when you don't agree with them

Appreciate good play from whatever team it comes from

Remain behind the touchline 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

Support positively. When players make a mistake offer them encouragement not criticism

Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour

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

I may be:

Issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official

Required to meet with the club, league or CFA Welfare Officer

Required to meet with the club or league committee

Obligated to undertake an FA education course

Obligated to leave the match venue by the club o Requested by the club not to attend future games be
Suspended or have my club membership removed / Required to leave the club along with any
dependents

In addition:

o The league FA/County FA could impose a fine and/or suspension on the club

COACHES, TEAM MANAGERS AND CLUB OFFICIALS - RESPECT CODE OF CONDUCT

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On and off the field, I will:

Use my position to set a positive example for the young people I am responsible for

Show 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

Respect the match official's decision o Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission
Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour

Be gracious in victory and defeat

When working with players, I will:

Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning

Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying

Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance

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, league/ County FA or The FA:

I may be:

Required to meet with the club, league or County Welfare Officer

Suspended by the club /league from attending matches

Suspended or fined by the County FA

Be withdrawn from the league

Required to leave or be sacked by the club In addition: My FA Coaching Licence may be withdrawn

I understand that in line with the fa respect programme I must adhere to the above code of conduct at all times, if I break any of the code /or rules set out by the St Helens & Rainhill junior alliance football league my club/team maybe withdrawn from the league. I will make sure that the fa code of conduct/respect guidelines are made available to all parents/spectators and officials within my team/club

Club name -

Role -

Team/ age group -

Signed -

Dated -