

THE WESSEX FOOTBALL LEAGUE



RESPECT CODE OF CONDUCT

Coaches, Managers and Club Officials

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

An FA survey of 37,000 grassroots participants identified behaviour as the biggest concern in the game. This included the abuse of match officials and unacceptable behaviour of over competitive parents, spectators and coaches on the side-line.

Play your part and observe The Football Association's Respect Code of Conduct in everything you do.

On and off the field, I will:

- Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, club 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
- Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission
- Never engage in public criticism of match officials
- Never engage in or tolerate offensive insulting or abusive language or behaviour

When working with players, I will:

- Place the well-being safety and enjoyment of players above everything including winning
- Explain exactly what I expect of players and what they can expect from me
- Ensure all parents/carers of 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
- Ensure all activities I organise are appropriate for the players ability level, age and maturity
- Co-operate fully with others in football (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:

- Required to meet with the club, league or County 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
- Suspended or fined by the County FA
- Required to leave or be dismissed by the club

In addition:

My FACA (FA Coaches Association) membership may be withdrawn.

By order of The Wessex League Management Board.