

CODE OF CONDUCT



PLAYERS

Whether you're in the starting eleven or on the bench, your role as a player is crucial to the success of Respect. On a matchday, you'll be expected to work with your coaches and your captain to allow the referee to manage the game without being subjected to abuse. With the game losing thousands of referees from the game every year, it's hugely important, because without the referees, the game isn't the same.

If the league you play in adopts the Respect programme, you will be asked to read, agree to, and sign, a Code of Conduct at your club. This will be your 'promise' to abide by a set of rules governing your behaviour as a player. Working together with your coach, your captain, and each referee that takes charge of your games during the season, you can play a major role in improving the game for everyone, through Respect.

COACHES

Coaches have a hugely important role to play in Respect, as they are not only responsible for their own behaviour, but they can also influence that of their players and spectators, too.

On a matchday, you'll be expected to work with your players, parents and other spectators to allow the referee to manage the game without being subjected to abuse.

PARENTS AND SPECTATORS

Parents have a big responsibility as part of the Respect programme.

Respect is working to eradicate touchline abuse in football, and parents can play their part by agreeing to, and signing, their club's Code of Conduct and abiding by them throughout the season. Parents also have a responsibility for their children's behaviour. The players will also be asked to sign a Code of Conduct, and parents can encourage their children to adhere to the Players code.



PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

I will;

Always do my best, even if we're losing or the other team is stronger

Play fairly - I won't cheat, complain or waste time

Never be rude to my team-mates, the other team, the referee, spectators or my coach/team manager

Do what the referee tells me

Shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game

Listen to my coach/team manager and respect what he/she says

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

I understand that if I do not follow the code, action may be taken.



PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

I will;

Remain outside the field of play and behind the Designated Spectator Area (where provided)

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

Always respect the match officials' decisions

Applaud effort and good play as well as success

In addition, when attending youth games I will:

Remember that children play for FUN

Let the coaches do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do

Encourage the players to respect the opposition and match officials

Never criticise a player for making a mistake - mistakes are part of learning

I understand that breaches of the code may result in action being taken by my County FA and /or The FA.

