



RESPECT - Code of Conducts

Eastside AFC

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The purpose of this document is to explain what is expected from the players and parents and what you can expect from the club.

Name of Child:

Age Group:

PLAYERS

When playing football, I will:

- Always do my best, even if we're losing and 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.

If I break the code, the following action can be taken:

- Speak to me and warn me to improve my behaviour.
- Speak to my mum, dad or carer about my behaviour.
- Stop me from training.
- Stop me from playing in the next match or a number of matches.
- Not allow me to register next season.
- Serve a suspension.
- Leave the club.
- My club could also be formally penalised.
- Have my registration taken away by the league.

PARENTS / CARERS / SPECTATORS

I / We will:

- Remain outside the field of play and behind the Designated Spectator Area Marking (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 / We 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.

If I break the code, the following action can be taken:

- A verbal warning from my club coach / team manager, the league official or the referee.
- Being asked to leave the match venue by the Club.
- Being asked by the Club not to attend future games.
- If a parent, my child not being allowed to register next season.
- My club could be formally penalised.
- Being asked to leave the club.



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CLUB / COACH / TEAM MANAGERS / CLUB OFFICIALS

Will:

- Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators.
- Respect and Adhere to the Laws of the Game.
- Display and promote high standards of behaviour.
- Always respect the match officials' decisions.
- 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, abusive language or behaviour.

When working with players, I will:

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning.
- Explain exactly what I expect of players and what they can expect of me / us.
- Ensure the parents/carers of all players understand these expectations.
- Refrain from, and refuse to tolerate any form of bullying.
- Develop mutual trust and respect with every player to build their self-esteem.
- Encourage players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- Ensure all activities I organise are appropriate for the players' ability level, experience, age and maturity.
- Co-operate fully with others in football (e.g. officials, doctors, physiotherapists, welfare officers) for each player's best interests.

I will not:

- Bully, intimidate, abuse, discriminate against or knowingly undermine anyone I work with – including players.
- Repeatedly criticise or abuse the referee.
- Enter the field of play, without the referee's permission.
- Swear at or abuse a player, referee, spectator or club official.
- Use inappropriate coaching/training methods, such as pushing young players too hard.

If I break the code, the following action can be taken:

- Attending an FA workshop (e.g. on the Laws of the Game, Safeguarding Children or Equality).
- Being asked to leave the club.
- Being mentored by another club coach or the County Welfare Officer.
- Reported by the referee at the end of a game.
- Taking an FA coaching qualification.
- Serving a suspension.
- Paying a fine.
- My club could also be formally penalised.
- Have my registration revoked by the League.

I understand that breaches of the code may result in action being taken by my County FA and / or The FA, which are outlined in this document.

Parent/Carer's Signature	Player's Signature	Club Secretary's / Team Manager's Signature (delete as appropriate)
(Print Name)	(Print Name)	(Print Name)
Date	Date	Date