



CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SUPPORTERS

Parents and/or spectators have a great influence on children's enjoyment of and success in football. All children play football first and foremost, because they love the game - it's fun.

Spectators normally have some form of association with the parents supporting the team and as such it is the responsibility of the parents to ensure that these spectators adhere to this code of conduct.

It is important to remember that however good a child is within the club, positive encouragement from spectators will contribute to:

- Children's enjoyment of football.
- A sense of personal achievement.
- Self esteem.
- Assist to improve the child's skills and techniques.

The attitudes and actions of parents and spectators will have a significant bearing on a child's attitude towards:

- Other players.
- Officials.
- Managers.
- Spectators.

It is vitally important that parents and spectators show a positive attitude towards all players, not just their own, so that the child will reflect the same positive attitude to the above. Parents and spectators must strive to be positive role models for the players.

OBLIGATIONS WHEN SUPPORTING THE TEAM

A parent/spectator should:

- Applaud the opposition as well as your own team.
- Avoid coaching the child during the match at all times. The child will have received instruction from the coach, further, possibly conflicting, advice will only confuse the child. The best time for a parent to discuss their child's performance is in a quiet room in the privacy of their own home.
- Refrain from shouting and screaming, at any one be it, their own team, the opposition, match officials or opposition spectators, during matches.
- Respect the decision of the match officials at ALL times. Spectators must never show dissent, either by word action or gesture towards match officials during or after matches.
- Show due respect to opposition players, team officials and spectators.
- Never use inappropriate language.
- Give attention to each of the children involved in the side, not just the most talented.
- Set a positive example to the young.
- Never be negative with criticism, but instead encourage and be positive at all times.
- Accept success and failure, victory and defeat, equally.

Remember, IT'S ONLY A GAME.

ADOPTION OF CODE

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