

Respect Code of Conduct for Coaches, Managers & Club Officials



Whiteley Wanderers Youth Football Club's main objective is to encourage football for Adults, Youths, Juniors and Girls in the age groups Under 6 to Under 18 through to affiliation with the Adult team and to promote the spirit of teamwork and healthy competition.

There is a responsibility to promote high standards of behavior in the game. In the FA's survey of 37,000 grassroots participants, behavior was the biggest concern in the game. This included the abuse of match officials and the unacceptable behavior of over-competitive parents, spectators and coaches on the sideline.

By playing your part and observing the FA respect codes of conduct in everything you do, and to achieve this objective, all coaches, managers, and other club officials must:

On the field I will:

- Show respect to others involved in the game including the Match Officials, opposition Players, Coaches, Managers, Officials and Spectators.
- Adhere to the laws and all guidelines laid down by the rules of The Football Association and in the spirit of the game.
- Promote fair play and high standards of behaviour.
- Always respect the Match Officials decisions.
- Never enter the field of play without the Referees permission.
- Never engage in public criticism of the Match Officials.
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.
- Ensure all parents/carers of all players under the age of 18 understand these expectations.
- Encourage each player to accept responsibility for his or her own behaviour and performance.
- Ensure all activities that I organise are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players.
- Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying.
- Develop mutual trust and respect with every player to build their self esteem.
- Consistently display high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- Co-operate fully with others in football (e.g. Officials, Doctors, Physiotherapists and Welfare Officers) for each player's best interests.

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 from me.
- As a Coach/Manager or Club Official should I use a social network site or open forum like Facebook that may be viewed by anyone I will never comment in a negative manner about a game, Officials, players or any other aspect of Club business.

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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 FA Welfare Officer.
- Required to meet with the Club Committee.
- Monitored by another Club Coach.
- Required to attend and FA education course.
- Suspended by the Club from attending matches.
- Suspended by the County FA.
- FACA Membership may be withdrawn.
- Required to leave or be sacked by the Club.



