



Fakenham Town Youth Football Club Code of Conduct

Coaches, Team Managers and Club Officials

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

In The FA's survey of 37,000 grassroots participants, behaviour was the biggest concern in the game. This included the abuse of match officials and the unacceptable behaviour of over competitive parents, spectators and coaches on the sideline.

On and off the field, I will:

- Play your part and observe The Football Association's Respect Code of Conduct in everything you do
- Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators
- Adhere to the laws and spirit of the game
- Promote Fair Play and high standards of behaviour
- Always respect the match official's decision
- 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 or 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 from me and ensure all parents/carers of all 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

- Cooperate fully with others in football (e.g. officials & welfare officers) for each player's best interests.

In addition:

- Ensure they have the required safeguarding for children and DBS certification valid and in date, for themselves and all associated team helpers
- Responsible for the proper use and care for club equipment and facilities
- Will not remove young players from my team without liaising and confirming with the club secretary and/or full youth committee

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, Norfolk FA, league or The FA:

- Be subject to club internal disciplinary procedure
- Monitored by another club coach
- Required to meet with the club coach mentor, club committee, league or County Welfare Officer
- Required to attend an FA education course
- Suspended by the club from attending matches
- Suspended or fined by the the league or Norfolk FA
- Required to leave the club

