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Code of Conduct for Parents/Carers and other Spectators

Parents and Spectators have a great influence on children's enjoyment of football therefore it is important to remember that however good a child becomes at football within your club it is important that parents and spectators positively encourage:

- Children enjoying football
- A sense of personal achievement
- Self esteem
- Assist to improve the child's skills & techniques

A parent or spectators expectations and attitudes have significant bearing on a child's attitude towards:

- Other players
- Match Officials
- Managers
- Spectators

When observing football or in the area of other football related activities I will:

- Remember that children play for fun
- Arrive with my child punctually
- Ensure that I am always positive and encouraging towards all of the children and not just your own.
- Remain outside the field of play and within the Designated Spectator Area
- Applaud the opposition as well as my own team.
- Let the coaches do their job and not issue any instructions to any players, including my own, as this may confuse the players
- 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
- Give attention to all levels of ability not just the most talented.
- Give encouragement to everyone to participate in football.
- Agree and adhere to the Code of Conduct and Child Protection Policy.
- Always seek prior permission for photo opportunities from a club official or parent.
- Never criticise a player for making a mistake as mistakes are part of learning
- Comply with all regulations set by my Club and The Football Association and ensure my child/children are also compliant

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

I may:

- Be required to apologise to the team, other parents and/or any other person at the Club
- Receive a formal warning from the Club, League and/or County FA
- Be required to attend a disciplinary hearing with the Club, League and/or County FA
- Be suspended from attending matches and/or training
- Be required to attend an educational course
- Be required to leave the Club with any dependents

In addition:

- My Club may make the appropriate league or County FA aware of any infringements of this policy
- County FA or appropriate leagues could impose a fine and suspension against my Club or against me personally and I would be responsible for paying that fine