

# CODE OF CONDUCT

## Parents & Spectators



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

**Parents and guardians have a great influence on children's enjoyment and success in football. Children play football because they first and foremost love the game – it's FUN.**

**Remember children's football is a time for them to develop and learn. We want them to win but not at all costs.**

**Play your part by supporting your child and observe the Code of Conduct at all times.**

**I will:**

- **Remember that children play for FUN**
- **Applaud effort and good play**
- **Always respect the match officials' decisions**
- **Remain outside the field of play or within the Designated Spectators' Areas**
- **Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do**
- **Encourage your child, and others, or be quiet. Praise effort and performance, not results**
- **Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and officials**
- **Avoid criticising a player for making a mistake – mistakes are part of learning**
- **Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour.**
- **Parents must develop an appropriate supportive relationship with both the coach and their child based on mutual trust and respect**
- **Support the coach's decisions and discuss any concerns directly with the coach**

**I understand that if I do not follow the Code of conduct, action may be taken by the club, league or National Association.**