



## Todmorden Junior Football Club

# THE FA RESPECT CODE OF CONDUCT

### YOUNG PLAYERS

WHEN PLAYING FOOTBALL, I WILL:

- Always play to the best of my ability and for the benefit of my team
- Play fairly – I won't cheat, dive, complain or waste time
- Respect my team-mates, the other team, the referee or my coach/manager
- Play by the rules, as directed by the referee
- Be gracious in victory and defeat – I will shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game
- Listen and respond to what my coach/team manager tells me
- Understand that a coach has to do what is best for the team and not one individual player
- Talk to someone I trust or the club welfare officer if I'm unhappy about anything at my club.

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

I MAY:

- Be required to apologise to my team-mates, the other team, referee or team manager
- Receive a formal warning from the coach or the club committee
- Be dropped or substituted
- Be suspended from training



- Be required to leave the club.

**IN ADDITION:**

- My club, County FA or The FA may make my parent or carer aware of any infringements of the Code of Conduct
- The FA/County FA could impose a fine and suspension against my club.

## SPECTATORS

We all bear a collective responsibility to set a good example and help provide a positive environment in which children can learn and enjoy the game. Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for spectators at all times.

**I WILL:**

- Remember that children play for FUN
  - Applaud effort and good play as well as success
  - Respect the Referee's decisions even when you don't agree with them
  - Appreciate good play from whatever team it comes from
  - Remain behind the touchline and within the Designated Spectators' Area
  - Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
  - Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials
  - Support positively and offer players encouragement not criticism
  - Never engage in, or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken:



**I MAY BE:**

- Issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official
- Required to meet with the club, league or CFA Welfare Officer
- Required to meet with the club committee
- Obligated to undertake an FA education course
- Obligated to leave the match venue by the club
- Requested by the club not to attend future games
- Suspended or have my club membership removed
- Required to leave the club along with any dependents.

**IN ADDITION:**

- The FA/County FA could impose a fine and/or suspension on the club.

## **COACHES, TEAM MANAGERS AND CLUB OFFICIALS**

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**ON AND OFF THE FIELD, I WILL:**

- Use my position to set a positive example for the young people I am responsible for
- 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
- Respect the match official's decision
- Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Be gracious in victory and defeat.

#### **WHEN WORKING WITH PLAYERS, I WILL:**

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning
- Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying
- 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
- Co-operate fully with others in football (e.g. officials, doctors, physiotherapists, welfare officers) for each player's best interests.

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

#### **I MAY BE:**

- Required to meet with the club, league or County Welfare Officer
- Suspended by the club from attending matches
- Suspended or fined by the County FA
- Required to leave or be sacked by the club.

#### **IN ADDITION:**

- My FA Coaching Licence may be withdrawn.



To be a part of Todmorden Junior Football Club you would have read, understood and signed to agree to abide by the above Respect Code Of Conduct on your registration form.

