



# Code of Conduct – Youth Players

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

As a player, **you have a big part** to play. That's why The FA is asking every player to follow a **Respect Code of Conduct**.

The code for youth players is :

## When playing football, I will

- always **play to the best of my ability**.
- **play fairly** – I won't cheat, complain or waste time
- **respect** my team-mates, the other team, the referee and my coaches
- **play by the rules**, as directed by the referee
- **shake hands** with the other team and referee at the end of the game
- **listen** and respond to what my coaches tell me
- **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 the following actions may be taken by Unicorn, Cheshire FA or The FA.**

## I may:

- be required to **apologise** to my team-mates, the other team, referee or coach
- receive a **formal warning** from the coach or the club committee
- be **dropped or substituted**
- be **suspended from training or matches**
- be required to **leave the club**.

## In addition:

- If I break the rules of the Code of Conduct then Unicorn, Cheshire FA or The FA may **tell my parent or carer**
- The FA/Cheshire FA may also **fine and suspend me and Unicorn Athletic**. Players and teams are expected to pay their own fines.

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# Respect



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Play your part



# Code of Conduct – Coaches & Team Managers

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In The FA's 2018 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.

**Play your part** and observe The Football Association's Respect Code of Conduct in everything you do.

**The code for coaches and managers is:**

## On and off the field, I will

- **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.**
- Remember I'm a **role model** and lead by example

## 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 of me ensuring they **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
- Co-operate fully with others in football for each **player's best interests.**

**I understand that if I do not follow the Code, the following actions may be taken by Unicorn, Cheshire FA, Timperley & District League or The FA. I may:**

- be required to **meet** with the club, league or Cheshire County Welfare Officer
- be **Monitored** by another club coach
- be required to **attend an FA education course**
- be **suspended** by the club from attending matches
- be **suspended** or fined by the County FA
- be required to **leave or be sacked** by the club.
- Have my Licensed Coaches Club membership **withdrawn**

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## Code of Conduct – Spectators and Parents/Carers

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Play your part and observe The Football Association's Respect Code of Conduct for Spectators at all times.

### The code for Spectators, Parents & Carers is:

- Remember that **children play football for fun.**
- Applaud effort and good play as much as success.
- Respect the Referee's decisions even when you don't agree with them. Encourage the players to do the same.
- Appreciate good play from whatever team it comes from
- Remain behind the touchline and within the designated spectator area where provided.

*Trying my hardest is more important than winning I like meeting new friends through football it's a really good game and I love it it helps keep me fit and healthy I like playing football with my friends I love playing football because it's fun. 😊*

The top five reasons kids play football according to FA research

- Let the coaches do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Never engage in or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- 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**

**I understand that if I do not follow the Code, the following actions may be taken by Unicorn, Cheshire FA, Timperley & District League or The FA. I may be:**

- Issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official
- Required to **meet** with the club committee, league or Cheshire County Welfare Officer
- Required to **attend an FA education course**
- **Obligated to leave the match venue by the club**
- **Suspended** by the club from attending matches
- **Suspended** from any involvement with club activities.
- Required to **leave the club with any dependants**

### In addition:

- The FA/Cheshire County FA could **impose a fine** and/or suspension on the club which is payable by you or your team.

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