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## **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, or The Football Association.

#### I MAY:

- Be required to apologize 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, or The Football Association may make my parent or career aware of any infringements of the Code of Conduct
- The FA could impose a fine and suspension against my club.





## **SPECTATORS AND PARENTS**

## **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 behavior 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
- Obliged to undertake an FA education course
- Obliged 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 Football Association could impose a fine and/or suspension on the club. 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.





# **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 behavior
- 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 behavior
- 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 behavior and performance
- Ensure all activities I organize 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, or The Football Association:



#### 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 Football Association
- Required to leave or be sacked by the club. IN ADDITION:
- · My FA Coaching License may be withdrawn



## **MATCH OFFICIALS AND REFEREES**

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#### I WILL:

- Be honest and completely impartial at all times
- Apply the Laws of the Game and competition rules fairly and consistently
- Manage the game in a positive, calm and confident manner
- Deal with all instances of violence, aggression, unsporting behavior, foul play and other misconduct
- Never tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behavior from players and team officials
- Support my match official colleagues at all times
- Set a positive personal example by promoting good behavior from players and team officials
- Set a positive personal example by promoting good behavior and showing respect to everyone involved in the game
- · Communicate with the players and encourage fair play
- Respond in a clear, calm and confident manner to any appropriate request for clarification by the team captains
- Prepare physically and mentally for each match
- Complete and submit, accurate and concise reports within the time limit required for games in which I officiate. I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken



## I MAY BE:

- Required to meet with The Football Association Refereeing Official.
- Required to meet with The Football Association Refereeing Committee.

