



Code of Conduct

For Players

1. Play for enjoyment, not just to please your parents, manager or coach
2. Be a good sport. Recognise all good play, whether by your team or by your opponents.
3. Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of any player.
4. Never argue with the Referee or Assistant Referees and learn the Laws of the Game.
5. Co-operate with your coach or manager and your team-mates.
6. Try at all times to improve your skills and teamwork, especially through your attitude to training.
7. Play well for yourself and for your team. Your team's performance will benefit as will your own.
8. Respect the property of the club and the facilities at Brentwood and at other clubs.
9. Ensure you always have the right kit and equipment. Do not wear jewellery to training or for a match as it can be dangerous to you and to other players.
10. Never use foul, abusive or insulting language.
11. Remember that when playing matches and wearing club kit you are representing the club and must behave accordingly.

For Coaches and Managers

1. Set a good example by action and conduct.
2. Ensure that the safety and well-being of your players comes first, even before the result of a match.
3. Provide well planned and structured training sessions to enable all players to develop their skills, technique and teamwork.
4. Encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
Never condone unacceptable behaviour by acting on it.
5. Promote enjoyment of the game and appreciation of good skills, not a 'win at all costs' attitude.
6. Never physically or mentally push children beyond their abilities. The game is of minor consideration when compared to a child's future health and well-being.
7. Respect the decisions of Referees, remembering that, without them, the game has no future. Learn the Laws of the Game and promote understanding among your players.
8. Ensure that players have the right equipment for training and matches and do not wear jewellery.
9. Check that you have all the necessary equipment, documentation and first aid equipment for all matches and training sessions.
10. Encourage parents and spectators to applaud good play, whether by your team or by the opposition.
11. Work with other managers, club officials and parents to further the best interests of the club.
12. Attend appropriate Football Association or National Coaching Foundation courses.
13. Agree to checks with the appropriate authorities with regard to your suitability to work with children.

For Parents

1. Do not force an unwilling child to participate in football.
2. Remember children are involved in football for their enjoyment and not for yours.
3. Teach your child that honest effort is more important than victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
4. Help your child work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship. Never ridicule or yell at your child for making a mistake or losing a game.
5. At matches always applaud good play by your daughter's team and by the opposition.
6. Do not question the Referee's judgement and honesty.
7. Support all efforts to remove physical and verbal abuse from children's football.
8. Recognise the value and importance of the coaches who are all volunteers. They give their time and resources to provide football for your child.
9. Ensure your daughter arrives promptly for training and matches with the right equipment.
10. Offer to help the club whenever you can. Ask what you can do to help.
11. Promote this code of conduct among other parents and spectators.

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