



## **PARENTS, SPECTATORS AND GUARDIANS**

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

- 1) Acknowledge the value and importance of volunteer referees. They give time freely. Do not abuse match officials, however much you disagree with their decision, emphasise respect for the referee by not questioning his decision.
- 2) Remember your actions influence the mood of the players and the game. Do not applaud foul play, and do not incite your players to foul. Do not use foul, abusive or racist language to players or other spectators. Do not ridicule opponents for their mistakes.
- 3) Recognise that children play for fun. They are not miniature professionals or internationals. Encourage all players and applaud their efforts.
- 4) Teach the children that taking part and trying their best is more important than the result of the match.
- 5) Stand away from the touchline. You must not enter the field of play during a game unless asked to do so by the referee.
- 6) Remember, when you are supporting your team, you are representing the Club.
- 7) You are subject to the laws of the game. You can be cautioned, reported, sent away from the ground, and suspended from attending any matches.

In the event that any player/spectator/parent/guardian contravenes any of the items listed above, disciplinary actions could be carried out.

Be sensible and enjoy yourself.

**For further information, contact the club's Safeguarding Officer**

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