



## **Weedon Football Club Code of Conduct**

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

### **YOUNG PLAYERS**

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 coach/manager
- 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 coach/manager tells me
- Talk to someone I trust or the club welfare officer if I am 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, League, County FA or the FA

I may

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

In addition:

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

### **SPECTATORS & PARENTS/CARERS**

I will:

- Remember that children play for FUN
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success
- Always respect the match officials decisions
- Remain outside the field of play and within the Designated Spectator 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
- Avoid criticising a player for making a mistake – mistakes are part of learning
- 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 by the League, County FA or the FA

I may be:

- Issued with a verbal warning from a league official
- Required to meet with club, league or County FA welfare officer
- Required to meet with league committee
- Obligated to take FA education course
- Obligated to leave the match venue
- Requested by the league not to attend future games
- The league may respect suspension or expulsion from the club membership

In addition:

The FA/County FA could impose a fine and/or suspension on the Club



## **ADULT PLAYERS**

Players tell us they want a referee for every match, yet 7,000 match officials drop out each season because of the abuse and intimidation they receive on and off the pitch.

**Respect** your referee today and you may just get one for every match this season. Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for players at all times.

### **On and off the field, I will:**

- Adhere to the Laws of the Game
- Display and promote high standards of behaviour
- Promote fair play and behave within the spirit of the Laws of the Game
- Always respect the match officials' decisions
- Never engage in public criticism of the match officials
- Never engage in offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Avoid bullying, intimidation and poor behaviour
- Speak to my team-mates, the opposition and my coach/manager with respect
- Ask my team captain to talk to the referee if I have a problem relating to the game
- Remember we all make mistakes
- Shake hands with the opposing team and the match officials at the end of every game

**I understand that breaches of the code may result in action being taken by my County FA and /or The FA.**

## **COACHES**

In The FA's survey of over 37,000 grassroots participants, behaviour was the biggest concern in the game. This included both the abuse of match officials and the unacceptable behaviour by over competitive parents, spectators and coaches on the sidelines.

The FA's Respect programme is aimed at tackling unacceptable behaviour across the whole game.

Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for coaches, team managers and club officials at all times.

### **I will:**

- Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators
- Adhere to the Laws of the Game
- Display and promote high standards of behaviour
- Always respect the match officials' decisions
- 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.

### **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 from me
- Ensure the parents/carers of all players under the age of 18 understand these expectations
- Refrain from, and refuse to 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, experience, age and maturity



- Co-operate fully with others in football (e.g. officials, doctors, physiotherapists, welfare officers) for each player's best interests

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### **SPECTATORS**

This club is supporting The FA's Respect programme to ensure football can be enjoyed by everyone in a safe and positive environment.

Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for spectators and parents/carers at all times.

#### **I will:**

- Remain outside the field of play and behind the Designated Spectator Area (where provided)
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Always respect the match officials' decisions
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success

#### **In addition, when attending youth games I will:**

- Remember that children play for FUN
- Let the coaches do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition and match officials
- Never criticise a player for making a mistake -mistakes are part of learning

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## **MATCH OFFICIALS**

The behaviour of the match officials has an impact, directly and indirectly, on the conduct of everyone involved in the game - both on the pitch and on the sidelines. Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for Match Officials at all time.

### **When officiating I will:**

- Be honest and completely impartial at all times, irrespective of the teams, players or team officials involved in the match
- 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 behaviour, foul play and other misconduct
- Not tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour from players and officials
- Support my match official colleagues at all times
- Set a positive personal example by promoting good behaviour 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 every match
- Complete and submit, accurate and concise reports within the time limit required for games which I officiate

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### **Theses action could be:**

- Be required to apologise to team-mates, the other team, referee or manager
- Receive a warning from the coach
- Receive a written warning from the club committee
- Be required to attend an FA education course
- Be dropped or substituted
- Be suspended from training
- Not be selected for the team
- Be required to serve a suspension
- Be fined
- Be required to leave the club

### **In addition**

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

**[TheFA.com/Respect](https://www.thefa.com/Respect)**

### **Propriety**

- Weedon Football Club acknowledges that public confidence demands the highest standards of financial and administrative behaviour within the game, and will not tolerate corruption or improper practices

### **Trust and Respect**

- Weedon Football Club will uphold a relationship of trust and respect between all involved in the game, whether they are individuals, clubs or other organizations.

### **Violence**

- Weedon Football Club rejects the use of violence of any nature by anyone involved in the game

**Fairness**

- Weedon Football Club is committed to fairness in its dealings with all involved in the game

**Integrity and Fair Play**

- Weedon Football Club is committed to the principle of playing to win, consistent with fair play

**Respect the Ref Campaign**

- Weedon Football Club supports and uphold the rules and regulations of the Respect the Ref Campaign
- Football is the national game. All those involved with the game at every level and whether as a player, match official, coach, owner or administrator, have a responsibility, above and beyond compliance with the law, to act according to the highest standards of integrity, and to ensure that the reputation of the game is and remains, high. The code applies to all those involved in football under the auspices of the Football Association

**Community**

- Weedon Football Club, at all levels, is a vital part of a community. Weedon Football Club will take into account community feeling when making decisions.

**Equality**

- Weedon Football Club is opposed to discrimination of any form and will promote measures to prevent it, in whatever form, from being expressed.

**Participants**

- Weedon Football Club recognizes the sense of ownership felt by those who participate at all levels of the game. This includes those who play, those who coach or help in any way, and those who officiate, as well as administrators and supporters. Weedon Football Club is committed to appropriate consultation.

**Young People**

- Weedon Football Club acknowledges the extent of its influence over young people and pledges to set a positive example.