

Stotfold Junior Football Club

– Code of Conduct



For Young Players and Spectators

1. The FA's Code of Conduct - Young 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.

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/team manager tells me
- Talk to someone I trust or a club welfare officer if I'm unhappy about anything at my club
- Expect that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA or The FA:
 - I may:
 - be required to apologise 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 and/or matches
 - be required to leave the club
 - In addition:
 - My club, County FA or The FA may make my parent/carer aware of any infringements of the Code of Conduct
 - The FA/County FA could impose a fine and suspension against my club

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2. The FA's Code of Conduct - Spectators and Parents/Carers

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game. This club is supporting The FA's Respect programme to ensure football can be enjoyed in a safe, positive environment.

Remember children's football is a time for them to develop their technical, physical, tactical and social skills. Winning isn't everything.

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

As a Parent/Carer and/or spectator, 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 Spectators' Area (where provided)
- 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 my club, County FA, league and/or The FA:

- I may be:
 - issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official
 - Required to meet with the club, league or County FA Welfare Officer
 - Required to meet with the club committee
 - Obligated to undertake an FA education course
 - Obligated to leave the match/training 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 FA/County FA could impose a fine and/or suspension on the club