



Elmwood Colts F.C. Rayleigh

Manager's / Coaches Code of Conduct

1. As a Team Manager, you by your actions and conduct, set the example for your players, parents / guardians and spectators. Display a high standard of behaviour and appearance at all times. Do not use or tolerate inappropriate language.
2. Read the players, parents / guardians, spectators Code. Understand what is being asked of all participants in your sport. Actively promote these codes.
3. Coaches / Managers must place the well being and safety of each player above all other considerations including the result of the game.
4. Ensure that each player is correctly dressed with the necessary safety equipment, shin pads etc., before being allowed to play.
5. Get treatment for an injured player immediately and co-operate fully with other specialists in the best interest of the player.
6. Never either physically or mentally push children beyond their abilities. The game is of minor consideration when compared to the child's future health and welfare.
7. Encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance. Never condone unacceptable behaviour by not acting on it.
8. Always be prompt, courteous and correct when dealing with League Officials, opposition Managers, Referees and Assistant Referees. Confirm venues, times and dates etc., as early as possible and at reasonable times during the day.
9. Read, understand and be aware of your responsibilities as laid down in your league handbook and guidelines laid down by governing bodies.
10. Check that you have the necessary equipment, documentation and FIRST AID equipment before you leave for the match or training.
11. Read the laws of the game and assist your players in understanding them.
12. Promote the code of conduct.
13. Agree, within a 12-month period, to take part in an educational course organised by the respective League, county football association or the football association.
14. Resist all illegal or unsporting influences, including banned substances and techniques.

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Parents / Guardian's / Carer's Code of Conduct

1. Do not force an unwilling child to participate in football.
2. Remember children are involved in football for their enjoyment, not yours.
3. Encourage your child to play to the laws of the game and not to argue with referees and other officials.
4. Teach your child that honest effort is more important than victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
5. Turn losing into winning by helping your child work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship. Never ridicule or yell at your child for making a mistake or losing a game.
6. Remember children learn best by example. Applaud good play by your team and by members of the opposition.
7. Do not question the referee's or assistant referee's judgement or honesty. Remember he/she is only human with the same feelings as you and, like you, sometimes make an honest error.
8. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's football.
9. RECOGNISE THE VALUE AND IMPORTANCE OF COACHES WHO ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS. THEY GIVE THEIR TIME AND RESOURCES TO PROVIDE FOOTBALL FOR YOUR CHILD.
10. Read the laws of the game to understand better what you are looking at and commenting on.
11. Promote this Code of Conduct amongst other parents or guardians.

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Player's Code of Conduct.

Obligation towards the game

A player should

1. Make every effort to develop their own sporting abilities, in terms of skill, technique, tactics and stamina.
2. Give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during a game, even if his/her team is in a position where the desired result has already been achieved.
3. Set a positive example for others, particularly young players and supporters.
4. Avoid all forms of gamesmanship and time wasting.
5. Always have regard for the best interests of the game, including where publicly expressing an opinion on the game and any particular aspect of it, including others involved in the game.
6. Not use inappropriate language.

Obligation towards one's own team

A player should

1. Make every effort consistent with Fair Play and the Laws of the game to help his/her own team win.
2. Resist any influence which might, or might be seen to, bring into question his/her commitment to the team winning.

Respect for the Laws of the game and competition rules

A player should

1. Learn, know and abide by the Laws, rules and spirit of the game, and competition rules.
2. Accept success and failure, victory and defeat, equally.
3. Resist any temptation to take banned substances or use banned techniques.

Respect towards opponents

A player should

1. Treat opponents with due respect at all times, irrespective of the result of the game.
2. Safeguard the physical fitness of opponents, avoid violence and rough play, and help injured opponents.

Respect towards the Match Officials

A player should

1. Accept the decision of the Match Officials without protest.
2. Avoid any words or actions which may mislead Match Officials.
3. Show due respect towards Match Officials.

Respect towards Team Officials

A player should

1. Abide by the instructions of their Manager, Coach and Team Officials, provided that they do not contradict the spirit of this Code.
2. Show due respect towards the Team Officials of the opposition.

Obligations towards the Supporters

A player should show due respect to the interests of supporters.

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Spectators Code of Conduct.

Spectators have a great influence on children's enjoyment and success in football. All children play football because they, first and foremost, love the game – it's fun.

1. Remember children play organised sports for their own enjoyment. They are not there to entertain you.
2. Be on your best behaviour. Do not use profane language or harass, (physically or verbally), players, managers, coach's referees or assistant referees.
3. Applaud all good play by your own team and the opposition.
4. Show respect for your teams opponents. Without them there would be no game.
5. Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake during a game.
6. Condemn the use of violence and verbal abuse.
7. Do not question the referee's or assistant referee's judgement or honesty. Remember he/she is only human with the same feelings as you and, like you, sometimes make an honest error.
8. Encourage players always to play according to the laws of the game.
9. Read the laws of the game to understand better what you are looking at and commenting on.
10. Promote this Code of Conduct amongst other spectators.

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