



Fishburn Community Football Club Parents Code of Conduct

At Fishburn Community Football Club (FCFC), we strive to create a positive and supportive environment for all our young players. To ensure the best experience for everyone involved, we ask that parents and guardians adhere to the following code of conduct:

Respect and Sportsmanship

- A. **Positive Support:** Encourage all players, not just your own child. Applaud effort, good play, and sportsmanship by both teams.
- B. **Respect Officials:** Accept decisions made by referees and officials without argument. Understand that they are an essential part of the game and doing their best to ensure fair play.
- C. **Respect Coaches:** Trust the coaches' decisions regarding team selection, tactics, and player development. Their aim is to benefit the team and individual players.

Behaviour and Attitude

- A. **Positive Role Model:** Demonstrate respectful behaviour at all times. Avoid negative comments, abusive language, and aggressive behaviour.
- B. **Constructive Feedback:** Offer constructive criticism rather than negative feedback. Focus on what players did well and how they can improve.
- C. **Encouraging Effort:** Emphasise the importance of effort and enjoyment over winning. Celebrate personal and team progress.

Communication

- A. **Open Dialogue:** Communicate any concerns or issues directly with the coaches or club officials in a respectful manner.
- B. **Supportive Community:** Promote a welcoming and inclusive environment for all families and participants. Avoid gossip and negative discussions about players, coaches, or other parents.

Commitment and Responsibility

- A. **Punctuality:** Ensure your child attends practices, games, and team events on time. Notify coaches in advance if your child is unable to attend.
- B. **Preparedness:** Make sure your child is properly equipped and ready to participate in all activities (e.g., appropriate footwear, water bottle, and any required gear).

- C. **Volunteering:** Offer help and support to the club when needed, whether through volunteering for events, assisting with team activities, or contributing to the club's development.

Financial Commitment:

- A. **Monthly Subscriptions:** Ensure that the junior subscription of **£15 per month** is paid promptly. These fees are vital for covering pitch hire, equipment, insurance, and league registration costs.
- B. **Arrears Policy:** Please be aware of the club rule: if subscriptions remain **unpaid for three months**, the player will be ineligible to participate in training or matches until the balance is settled.
- C. **Hardship Support:** We believe every child should have the chance to play. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please reach out to the Club Treasurer or Team Manager privately. We are committed to handling such matters with total confidentiality and sensitivity.

Safety and Welfare

- A. **Well-being:** Prioritise your child's health and safety. Inform coaches of any medical conditions or injuries that may affect your child's participation.
- B. **Supervision:** Ensure that young children are supervised at all times and not left unattended during club activities.

Social Media

- A. **Responsible Use:** Use social media responsibly when discussing club activities. Refrain from posting negative or inflammatory comments about players, coaches, or officials.
- B. **Privacy Respect:** Respect the privacy of players and families by not sharing personal information or images without consent.

By adhering to this Code of Conduct, parents and guardians contribute to a positive, respectful, and enjoyable environment for all participants at Fishburn Community Football Club. We appreciate your cooperation and support in maintaining these standards.