

Player Code of Conduct

[INSERT CLUB NAME]

ENJOY • RESPECT • PLAY FAIR • SPEAK UP



Every player has the right to feel safe, respected and included. This minimum standard applies whenever I train, play, travel or communicate about club or SYFA football, including online.

I will...

1 ENJOY AND TRY MY BEST

Take part, learn and give a fair effort. I do not have to win at any cost, and I will respect different abilities and goals.

3 PLAY FAIR AND SAFELY

Follow the rules and spirit of football. Never cheat, waste time deliberately, use violence or play in a way that may cause harm.

5 LISTEN AND ASK

Follow safe instructions and ask questions respectfully. I can say no and tell a trusted adult if something feels unsafe, wrong or uncomfortable.

7 ACT RESPONSIBLY ONLINE

Use approved team channels. Never post abusive content or take or share images in private areas or without permission. Report inappropriate contact.

2 RESPECT EVERYONE

Treat teammates, opponents, coaches, officials and supporters fairly, whatever their identity, background, beliefs or ability.

4 BE A GOOD TEAMMATE

Include and encourage others. Never bully, discriminate, threaten, humiliate or use abusive or offensive language. Be a good role model, in and out of football

6 LOOK AFTER MYSELF AND OTHERS

Use equipment properly, respect property and privacy, and tell an adult if I am injured or unwell. Never bring or use alcohol, illegal drugs, smoking or vaping products.

8 SPEAK UP

Tell a parent or carer, coach, team official or Club CWPO if I am worried about myself or someone else. I do not need proof, and I will not investigate it myself.

As a young player, I will NOT...

Use inappropriate, abusive or offensive language or gestures

Cheat, dive or time waste

Criticise other players

Put anything inappropriate on social media about coaches, clubs or players

Bully other players in person or online

I will not lay my hands on another player or official

As a young player, I have the right to:

Be safe and protected / Be listened to / Be respected / Be treated fairly / Be believed / Ask for help / Be coached by someone who has the correct qualifications

Need help? You're not alone

1 GET SAFE

If you or someone else is in immediate danger, call 999 or ask a trusted adult to do it. Move to a safe place if you can.

2 TELL SOMEONE

Tell a parent or carer, coach, team official or the Club CWPO: [NAME / EMAIL / PHONE]. If that person is unavailable or involved, contact [ALTERNATIVE CONTACT / SYFA ROUTE]. Keep telling a trusted adult until someone helps.

3 CHILDLINE

You can talk about anything that is worrying you. Call 0800 1111 free, 24 hours a day, or visit [childline.org.uk](https://www.childline.org.uk).

4 NEED TO TEXT SOMEONE?

Text SHOUT to 85258 for free, confidential, 24/7 support if you feel low, worried, overwhelmed or unsafe.

5 SOMETHING SEXUAL ONLINE?

Do not forward or share it. Save it if it is safe to do so and show a trusted adult. Report sexual harm or grooming online at ceop.police.uk/ceop-reporting.

6 MORE HELP IN SCOTLAND

Children First: 08000 28 22 33 or [childrenfirst.org.uk](https://www.childrenfirst.org.uk). For mental health and wellbeing information, visit [young.scot](https://www.young.scot) and search for AyeFeel.

If this Code is not followed

The club will listen to those involved, consider the player's age and understanding, and respond fairly and proportionately. The player will normally be told the concern and given an opportunity to respond. Immediate protective action may be taken where necessary, but it is not a disciplinary finding.

Conversation and reminder	Apology or restorative action	Education or additional support
Behaviour agreement or warning	Restricted or suspended participation	Referral under league or SYFA rules

Player and parent or carer declaration

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Player: I have read this Code, or had it explained to me, and I agree to follow it.

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Player: I know who I can speak to and where I can get help if I feel worried, unsafe or uncomfortable.

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Parent or carer: I have reviewed this Code with the player and will help them understand and follow it.

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Parent or carer: I have received the club safeguarding contacts and understand how concerns and alleged breaches will be addressed.

Player full name	Team or age group
Player signature	Date signed
Parent or carer full name	Relationship to player
Parent or carer signature	Date signed

Club record

Received by name and role	Signature and date
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I understand that if I do NOT follow this code of Conduct, there may be consequences:

Be asked to apologise / Receive a formal warning / Be suspended from training / Be suspended from games / Be required to leave the club / Be asked to attend an educational course

Breaching this Code could also result in Disciplinary action under EM11 & EM12 of the SYFA Disciplinary Policy

Club template check: Insert the club name, logo, safeguarding contacts, version and review date before circulation. Explain the Code in language each player can understand. A child's signature records their involvement and understanding; it is not a substitute for the club's safeguarding duties or legal consent. Keep completed copies securely. Check the external support service details at each review date.