# TheFA

# **AFC Greenwich Borough**

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# The FA Respect Programme AFC Greenwich Borough 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 or 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
  - Talk to someone I trust or the club welfare officer if I'm 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, 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
    - Be required to leave the club.

## In addition:

- My club, County FA or The FA may make my parent or carer aware of any infringements of the Code of Conduct
- The FA/County FA could impose a fine and suspension against my club which I could be liable to pay.

# **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 players at all times.

#### 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 or The FA. I may:

- Be issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official
- Be required to meet with the club, league or CFA Welfare
  Officer
  - · Be required to meet with the club committee
  - Be obliged to undertake an FA education course
  - Be obliged to leave the match venue by the club
  - Be requested by the club not to attend future games
  - Be suspended or have my club membership removed
- Be 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 which I could be liable to pay

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# Coaches, Team Managers and Club Officials

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

As a coach, team member or club official you have a big part to play. That's why The FA is asking you to follow a **Respect Code of Conduct.** 

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

- Always show respect to everyone involved in the game
- Stick to the rules and celebrate the spirit of the game
- Encourage fair play and high standards of behaviour
- Always respect the Referee and encourage players to do the same
  - Never enter the field of play without the Referee's permission
- Never engage in, or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive behaviour
- Be aware of the potential impact of bad language on others
  - · Be gracious in victory and defeat
  - · Respect the facilities home and away

### When working with players, I will:

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything
  - Never tolerate any form of bullying
- Ensure all activities are suited for the players' ability and age
- Work with others (e.g. officials, doctors, welfare officers, physiotherapists) for each player's best interests
- I will make myself familiar with safeguarding practices & review guidance on physical contact (5.6) & Acceptable Behaviours When Working With Young People (5.7) documents on the safeguarding section of EnglandFootball.com

# I understand that if I do not follow the Code, I may be:

- Required to meet with the club committee, league or CFA Welfare Officer
  - · Suspended by the club from attending matches
    - · Suspended or fined by the County FA
- Required to leave, lose my position and/or have my license withdrawn
  - · Attend an FA education course

Play your part and support the FA's Code of Respect:

**Adult Players** 

## On and off the field, I will:

- Stick to the rules and celebrate the spirit of the game
- Always respect the Referee and encourage players to do the same
- Never engage in public criticism of the Match Officials and abide by their final decisions
- Win or lose with dignity, Shake hands at the end of every game
- Be aware of the potential impact of bad language on others
- Never engage in abusive language, bullying or intimidating behaviour

## I understand that if I do not follow the Code, I may:

- · Be asked to apologise to whoever I've upset
  - Receive a formal warning
- Be required to attend a FA education course
- · Be dropped, substituted or suspended from training
  - Not selected for the team
  - Be asked to leave the club and/or issued a fine

THE CLUB RESERVE THE RIGHT TO RECHARGE LEAGUE AND FA FINES ASSOCIATED WITH POOR BEHAVIOUR, MISCONDUCT AND LEAGUE ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS THAT ARE FUNDAMENTAL AND EXPLAINED FULLY BY THE MANAGEMENT TEAM.

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