



# TDSFC Code of Conduct



## Young Players

### When playing football, I will:

- Always participate to the best of my ability and for the benefit of my team
- Play fairly – I won't cheat, dive, complain or waste time
- Respect all other players and the coaches.
- Play by the rules, as directed by the coaches
- Be gracious in victory and defeat – I will shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of any game
- Listen and respond to what my coach tells me
- Understand that a coach has to do what is best for the team and not one individual player
- 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 and/or the coach
- Receive a formal warning from the coach or the club committee
- Be dropped or substituted from any match
- Be suspended from training
- Be required to leave the club

#### In addition:

- My club 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

## Spectators and Parents/Carers

**We all bear a collective responsibility to set a good example and help provide a positive environment in which children can learn and enjoy the game.**

### Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for spectators at all times:

- Remember that children play for FUN.
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success.
- Respect the coaches' decisions even when you don't agree with them
- Appreciate good play from whatever team it comes from
- Remain outside of the training & playing areas to avoid interrupting the session or match
- Let the coaches do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition and coaches
- Support positively. When players make a mistake offer them encouragement not criticism
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour of any sort

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**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 the club
- Required to meet with the club, league or CFA Welfare Officer
- Required to meet with the club committee
- Obligated to undertake an FA education course
- Obligated to leave the venue by the club
- Requested by the club not to attend future sessions
- 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

## **Coaches, Team Managers and Club Officials**

**We all bear a collective responsibility to set a good example and help provide a positive environment in which children can learn and enjoy the game. Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct at all times.**

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

- Use my position to set a positive example for the people I am responsible for
- Show respect to others involved in the game including players, coaches and spectators
- Adhere to the laws and spirit of the game
- Promote Fair Play and high standards of behaviour
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Be aware of the potential impact of bad language on other participants, facility users or neighbours
- Be gracious in victory and defeat

**When working with players, I will:**

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning
- Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying
- Ensure all activities I organise are appropriate for the players' ability level, age and maturity
- Co-operate fully with others in football (e.g. officials, doctors, physiotherapists, welfare officers) for each player's best interests

**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 meet with the club, league or County Welfare Officer
- Suspended by the club from attending sessions
- Suspended or fined by the County FA
- Required to leave the club

**In addition:**

- My FA Coaching Licence may be withdrawn