



Code of Conduct – Spectators

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

In The FA's 2018 survey of 37,000 grassroots participants, behaviour was the biggest concern in the game. This included the abuse of match officials and the unacceptable behaviour of over competitive parents, spectators and coaches on the side line.

Play your part and observe The Football Association's Respect Code of Conduct for Spectators at all times.

The code for Spectators, Parents & Carers is:

- Remain behind the touchline and behind the respect barrier provided.
- Remember that children play football for fun.
- Applaud effort and good play as much as success.
- Appreciate good play from whatever team it comes from
- Let the coaches do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Never engage in or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour of any kind
- Respect the Referee's decisions even when you don't agree with them. Encourage the players to do the same.
- Never engage in public criticism of the match officials

Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission. Ask first. Not doing so could result in an FA misconduct charge.

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, the following actions may be taken by Unicorn, Cheshire FA, Timperley & District League, SMGFL or The FA. I may be:

- Issued with a verbal warning from the club or a league official
- Required to meet with the club committee, league or Cheshire County Welfare Officer
- Required to attend an FA education course
- Obligated to leave the match venue by the club
- Suspended by the club from attending matches
- Suspended from any involvement with club activities.
- Required to leave the club with any dependants

In addition:

- The FA/Cheshire County FA could impose a fine and/or suspension on the club which is payable by you or your team.

The top reasons why kids play football

Trying my hardest is more important than winning

I like meeting new friends through football

It's a really good game and I love it

It helps keep me fit and healthy

I like playing football with my friends

I love playing football because it's fun



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Code of Conduct – Coaches & Volunteers

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Play your part and observe The Football Association's Respect Code of Conduct in everything you do.

The code for coaches and managers is:

On and off the field, I will

- ⊗ Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators
- ⊗ Adhere to the laws and spirit of the game
- ⊗ Promote Fair Play and high standards of behaviour
- ⊗ Always respect the match official's decision
- ⊗ Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission
- ⊗ Never engage in public criticism of the match officials
- ⊗ Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour of any kind.
- ⊗ Remember I'm a role model and lead by example

When working with players, I will:

- ⊗ Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning
- ⊗ Explain exactly what I expect of players and what they can expect of me ensuring they understand these expectations
- ⊗ Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying
- ⊗ Develop mutual trust and respect with every player to build their self-esteem
- ⊗ Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance

- ⊗ Ensure all activities I organise are appropriate for the players' ability level, age and maturity
- ⊗ Co-operate fully with others in football for each player's best interests.

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- ⊗ be required to meet with the club, league or Cheshire County Welfare Officer
- ⊗ be Monitored by another club coach
- ⊗ be required to attend an FA education course
- ⊗ be suspended by the club from attending matches
- ⊗ be suspended or fined by the County FA
- ⊗ be required to leave or be sacked by the club.
- ⊗ Have my Licensed Coaches Club membership withdrawn





Code of Conduct – 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 Unicorn is asking every player to follow a Respect Code of Conduct.

The code for youth players is :

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 and my coaches.
- ⊗ play by the rules, as directed by the referee.
- ⊗ shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game.
- ⊗ listen to what my coaches tell me.
- ⊗ talk to someone I trust or the club welfare officer if I'm unhappy about anything at all at Unicorn.

I understand that if I do not follow the Code the following actions may be taken by Unicorn, Cheshire FA or The FA.

I may:

- ⊗ be required to apologise to my team-mates, the other team, referee or coach.
- ⊗ receive a formal warning from the coach or the club committee.
- ⊗ be dropped or substituted.
- ⊗ be suspended from training or matches.
- ⊗ be required to leave the club.

In addition:

- ⊗ If I break the rules of the Code of Conduct then Unicorn or Cheshire FA may tell my parent or carer.
- ⊗ Cheshire FA may also fine and suspend me and Unicorn Athletic. Players and teams are expected to pay their own fines.



You can contact the club welfare officer – any time!

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