



Youth Player Code of Conduct - U8-U16

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game. Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for players at all times.

On and off the pitch, I will:

- Talk to someone I trust or the club Welfare Officer if I am unhappy about anything at my club.
- Always play the game fairly and in the right spirit.
- Be aware of the impact of bad language; keep spectators and members of the public - including children - in mind.
- Avoid criticising match officials. Accept that they make honest decisions and confronting them will not change it.
- Never abuse another person (player, match official, coach, team manager, supporter), based on their appearance, race, religion, gender or sexuality, doing so face-to-face, through social media or private messaging. Doing so on the pitch could lead to dismissal from the field and suspension whilst both on and off the field of play may mean possible police action.
- Never physically assault another person (player, match official, coach, team manager, supporter). Doing so on the pitch could lead to dismissal from the field and suspension whilst both on and off the field of play may mean possible police action.
- Always win, lose or draw with dignity, and be prepared to shake hands with match officials, opposition players and manager at full-time.
- Respect all facilities, home and away.
- Ensure all jewellery is removed and hair longer than shoulder length is tied up.

I understand: 'If I do not follow the Code, I may expect to:

- Be cautioned, sin binned or sent off by the match officials, depending on the nature of the offence.
- Be asked to apologise to whoever I have offended or abused.
- Be disciplined by my club, including being substituted, dropped, given a formal warning or suspended from training or matches depending on the nature of the offence.
- Be disciplined by the County Football Association, including being fined or suspended for a number of matches depending on the nature of the offence.
- Be asked to leave the club.
- Be handed a permanent exclusion by the FA or County Football Association, if the offence is deemed serious enough.'

In addition:

- The FA/County FA could impose a fine and/or suspension on the club.