

THE FA RESPECT CODE OF CONDUCT

Bergholt Heath Youth Football Club

YOUNG PLAYERS

WHEN PLAYING FOOTBALL I WILL:

- Always play 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 my team-mates, the other team, the referee or my coach/manager
- Play by the rules, as directed by the referee
- Be gracious in victory and defeat – I will shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game
- Listen and respond to what my coach/team manager 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
- Use the agreed 5 minute 'cool off' space if needed (and use voluntarily or as instructed by a coach or manager) and not to leave the training area without adult permission
- Leave other players to 'cool off' if required without comment
- 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. THE FA RESPECT CODE OF CONDUCT

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SPECTATORS / PARENTS AND CARERS

I WILL:

- Remember that children play for FUN
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success
- Respect the Referee's decisions even when you don't agree with them
- Appreciate good play from whatever team it comes from
- Remain behind the touchline and within the Designated Spectators' Area
- 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
- Support positively and offer players encouragement not criticism
- Never engage in, or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- As a parent/carer, remain accessible by 'phone if leaving a child at training and be willing and able to come ASAP if requested by the manager/coach
- As a parent/carer, know that if my child leaves the training area he/she may not be followed / overseen by a coach/manager if this then puts the other players at risk
- As a parent/carer, support the managers in behaviour of my child and stay to training if frequent issues arise

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken:

I MAY BE:

- Issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official
- 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 match venue by the club
- Requested by the club not to attend future games
- Suspended or have my club membership removed
- 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.

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COACHES, TEAM MANAGERS AND CLUB OFFICIALS

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ON AND OFF THE FIELD, I WILL:

- Use my position to set a positive example for the young people I am responsible for
- 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
- Respect the match official's decision
- Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- 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
- Understand the needs and abilities of the different players and plan training activities that will develop
- Praise and encourage all players to do their best in training and games
- Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying
- 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
- Ensure all the players understand that there is a 'safe-place' for a 5 minute cool off within my sight and ensure that other players do not approach or make comments to this player during this time
- Support players in re-joining the training when ready and talk to parents/carers to inform them of any issues if they become frequent
- 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 matches
- Suspended or fined by the County FA
- Required to leave or be sacked by the club.

IN ADDITION:

My FA Coaching Licence may be withdrawn.