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The Code of Conduct details the standards and practice required by all Forfar Athletic Community Football Club (FACFC) members including officials, managers, coaches, players, volunteers, parents/guardians, and spectators.

FACFC has a to ensure that all associated with the club do not engage in conduct deemed unacceptable. This applies to all club activities including matches, training, and all events where they may associate with the club.

### Code of Conduct for Players:

Players are the most important people in the sport. Players should:

- Make every effort to develop their own sporting abilities, in terms of skill, technique, tactics and stamina.
- Give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during a game, even if the team is in a position where the desired result has already been achieved.
- Set a positive example for others, particularly young players, and spectators.
- Always have regard for the best interests of the club, and others involved in the game.
- Not use inappropriate language.
- Make every effort consistent with Fair Play and the Laws of the Game.
- Know and abide by the Laws, rules and spirit of the game, and the competition rules.
- Accept success and failure, victory and defeat with an equal measure of dignity.
- Treat opponents with due respect at all times, irrespective of the result of the game.
- Safeguard the physical fitness of opponents, avoid violence and rough play, and help injured opponents.
- Accept the decision of the Match Official without protest.
- Show due respect towards Match Officials.
- Abide by the instructions of their Coach and Team Officials, provided they do not contradict the spirit of this Code.
- Show due respect towards the Team Officials of the opposition.
- Advise my coach when I will not be available.
- Show a high standard of behaviour while representing my club.



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### **Code of Conduct for Coaches:**

Coaches are key to the establishment of ethics in football. Their concepts and their attitude directly affect the behaviour of players under their supervision. Coaches are, therefore expected to pay particular care to the moral aspect of their conduct. Coaches should:

- Coaches must respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person and treat each equally within the context of the sport.
- Coaches must place the well-being and safety of each player above all other considerations, including the development of performance.
- Coaches must adhere to all guidelines laid down by the club and governing bodies.
- Coaches must develop an appropriate working relationship with each player based on mutual trust and respect.
- Coaches must not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward.
- Coaches must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- Coaches must ensure that the activities they direct, or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players.
- Coaches should, at the outset, clarify with the players (and, where appropriate, parent) exactly what is expected of them and what they are entitled to expect from their coach.
- Coaches must co-operate fully with other specialists (e.g., other coaches, officials, sports scientists, doctors, physiotherapists) in the best interests of the player.
- Coaches must always promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g., fair play) and never condone violations of the Laws of the Game, behaviour contrary to the spirit of the Laws of the Game or relevant rules and regulations.
- Coaches must consistently display high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- Coaches must not use or tolerate inappropriate language.
- Coaches must promote and encourage, particularly to young players, the importance of a healthy lifestyle.
- Operate without discrimination on grounds of gender, race, colour, language, or religion.
- Coaches should recognise and avoid situations which may leave them open to question.



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### **Code of Conduct for Team Officials:**

This Code applies to all team/club officials (although some items may not apply to all officials):

- Set a positive example for others, particularly young players, and spectators.
- Promote and develop their own team having regard to the interest of the Players, Parents/Guardians, and reputation of FACFC.
- Share knowledge and experience when invited to do so, considering the interest of the body that has requested this rather than personal interests.
- Avoid all forms of gamesmanship.
- Show due respect to Match Officials and others involved in the game.
- Always have regard for the best interests of the game, including where publicly expressing an opinion of the game and any aspect of it, including others involved in the game.
- Not use or tolerate inappropriate language.
- Make every effort to develop the sporting, technical and tactical levels of the club/team.
- Give priority to the interests of the team over individual interests.
- Show due respect for the interests of the players, coaches and officials, their own club/team, and others.
- Accept the decisions of the Match Official without protest.
- Show due respect towards Match Officials.



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### **Code of Conduct for Parents and Guardians:**

Parents have a great influence on children's enjoyment and success in football. Remember its meant to be fun. Parents should contribute to:

- Children enjoying football.
- A sense of personal achievement.
- Improving the child's skills and techniques.

A Parents expectations and attitudes have a significant bearing on a child's attitude to:

- Other players.
- Officials
- Managers.
- Spectators.

Parents are encouraged too always be positive and should:

- Applaud the opposition as well as your own team.
- Avoid coaching the child during the game.
- Not shout and scream.
- Respect the referee's decision.
- Give attention to each of the children involved in football not just the most talented.
- Give encouragement to everyone to participate in football.
- Remain outside the field of play or within Designated Spectators' Areas.
- Never engage in, or tolerate offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour.
- Avoid criticising a player for making a mistake - mistakes are part of learning.
- Support the coach's decisions and discuss any concerns directly with the coach.
- Remember that children play football for their own enjoyment, not for your entertainment.