



Players' Code of Conduct

Morton in the Community believe that every player should be given the opportunity to develop their skills, improve their fitness, in a safe environment, whilst enjoying themselves.

As a young player, I have the right to:

- Have fun and enjoy football
- Be safe and protected
- Be treated fairly, including being included & feel welcome, no matter my background or ability
- Be respected and listened to
- Ask for help or advice
- Receive constructive coaching from qualified coaches

As a young player, I will:

- Be a team player, support my teammates and treat them fairly
- Respect everyone involved in the game: teammates, opponents, match officials & spectators
- Listen to my coaches and follow their direction
- Take responsibility for my own development by practicing my skills and improving my fitness outside of training
- Treat everyone fairly, regardless of their gender, ethnic origin, cultural background, sexual orientation or religion
- Know how to get help if I feel unsafe or upset
- Use social media in a positive manner
- Raise any concerns or worries I have with coaches or officials
- Be aware that if I am worried or something doesn't feel right, I know I can speak to my coach or the club's Child Wellbeing & Protection Officer (CWPO).

I understand that if I do not follow these guidelines I may:

- Be asked to apologise
- Receive a formal warning
- Be suspended from attending training and/or matches
- Be expected to undertake education
- Be asked to leave the club
- Result in any serious breaches being escalated to sports or relevant authorities



Parents & Guardians' Code of Conduct

Parents and guardians have an important role in the development of their child and in supporting Morton in the Community. Encouraging and supporting their child and all players is critical to ensure everyone enjoys their participation.

As a parent or guardian, I will:

- Support a safe, inclusive, and positive environment for all children
- Respect the choices and decisions of coaches and club officials
- Respect the decisions of match officials, even when you disagree with them
- Only shout encouragement from the sidelines
- Let the coaches coach and refrain from coaching during a game, as this can lead to confusion from the players
- Provide any necessary medical information to the club
- Encourage children to speak up if they feel uncomfortable, unsafe or unhappy
- Report any concerns to coaches, club officials or child welfare officers
- Never use inappropriate, offensive or abusive language at any point
- Promptly respond to coaches' requests for player availability
- Abide by direction from coaches at training, matches or club events
- Gain awareness of the club's safeguarding and wellbeing policy
- Remember that coaches are volunteers, who are giving up their time to help players develop
- Be aware that if I am worried or something doesn't feel right, I know I can speak to my coach or the club's Child Wellbeing & Protection Officer (CWPO).

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- Receive a formal warning
- Be suspended from attending training and/or matches
- Be expected to undertake education
- Result in my child being asked to leave the club
- Result in any serious breaches being escalated to sports or relevant authorities



Coaches' Code of Conduct

Coaches play a pivotal role in the enjoyment and development of the children which they coach at Morton in the Community. They ensure that players are safe, develop their skills, improve their fitness and have a memorable experience.

As a coach, I will:

- Make participation enjoyable for all children, creating a safe environment where children feel valued and confident to express themselves
- Treat every player fairly, regardless of their gender, ethnic origin, cultural background, sexual orientation or religion. Challenge and report discrimination or poor practice
- Develop structured and planned training sessions to allow the children to develop
- Remember that I am a role model
- Abide by all child well-being and protection policies
- Complete required education, declarations and ensure my PVG status is up to date
- Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying behaviour or enter into an inappropriate relationship with a young player or official; always maintaining professional boundaries. It is mandatory to report any concerns in this area.
- Respect the decision of match officials, club officials or officials from organisations who run the game
- Prioritise the wellbeing, safety, and holistic development of each child over winning
- Report any concerns to relevant club or organisation officials
- Be aware that if I am worried or something doesn't feel right, I know I can speak to my coach or the club's Child Wellbeing & Protection Officer (CWPO).

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- Receive a formal warning
- Be suspended from attending training and/or matches
- Be expected to undertake education
- Be asked to leave the club and, if appropriate, referred to sport authorities, Police Authorities or Disclosure Scotland