



East Fife Community Football Club

Parents/Guardians

Code of Conduct

Parents/Guardians have a great influence on children's enjoyment and success in football. All children play football because they first and foremost love the game. It is important to remember that however good a child becomes at football it is important to reinforce that positive encouragement will contribute to:

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

A parent/guardian has to be aware that their expectations and attitudes will have a significant bearing on a child's attitude towards other players, officials and spectators. Parents and spectators should remember that young players play football for fun.

1. Support your Child

- Make every effort to support and encourage your child to develop their own sporting abilities.
- Make every effort to support and provide education in respect of the importance of leading an appropriate and healthy lifestyle in relation to rest, diet, behaviour and school work.
- Ensure that players obtain a sense of personal achievement and have high self-esteem.
- **Ensure that players have a positive attitude and show respect to other players, club officials, club coaches, match officials, spectators and facilities.**
- Ensure that players understand the implications of the incorrect use of Social Media

2. Parent / Guardian behaviour

- Parents and spectators must never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour.
- Parents and spectators must never coach any player during the game or confuse the players by telling them what to do.
- Refrain from showing disrespect towards the opposition and officials at all times.
- Never approach any Coach, Player, Opponent or Official after any game.
- Lead by example and set high standards in relation to their own conduct and behaviour.
- Provide support and encouragement towards creating a positive environment which allows the child to reach their full potential



- Parents and spectators should always applaud good play, effort and performance from both team's players and not just results.
- Parents and spectators should always remain outside the field of play or within any designated spectator's area.
- Parents and spectators should always be positive and encouraging towards all of the players not just their own and always respect the match officials' decisions.
- Parents and spectators should develop an appropriate supportive relationship with both club officials and their son or daughter based on mutual trust and respect. Support the club's decisions and discuss any concerns directly with the club.
- Parents and spectators must never shout and scream or criticise a player for making a mistake as mistakes are part of the development of a player.

Parents and spectators **MUST** always encourage everyone participating in football