



Fair City AFC

Code of Conduct for Players and Officials

Setting the Standard

Behaviours Expectations and Requirements

Creating an environment where children and young people are respected, their rights are promoted and they are supported to have fun, learn, and develop in a safe environment is essential to inspire them to love the game.

To achieve this goal the club expects all its members and Associated Persons embody the Wellbeing and Protection Values – Inclusive, Empowering, Approachable and Accountable - to create a positive football environment and by displaying exemplary behaviour and implementing practices that make football a safe, fun and positive experience for all children and young people involved.

Failure to adhere to the following code of conduct may result in disciplinary action being taken against the club, team or individual.

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SFA - Football for Life

The overarching vision of the One National Plan, football for Life, aims to provide opportunities for every person in Scotland to participate and develop through the national game. This in turn will grow the value and benefit of football for individuals, communities, and society alike.

Football for Life aims to grow the game across Scotland by making it more attractive and sustainable. This will be achieved through initiatives that increase participation, deliver education, and enhance the services clubs bring to their communities.

Beyond growing the game, Football for Life encourages lifelong participation – not only increasing participation in the game but, ensuring that once players are involved in football they stay in football for life.

Why do we need a Code of Conduct Policy?

The responsibility to safeguard and promote the wellbeing and protection of a child or young person does not rest on one person. We are all responsible.

To gain consistency across Fair City AFC we feel it is essential that all members and associated persons have the same message; promoting great behaviours across the board and making this an environment that our young people love.

This is a Game, coaches are Volunteers, Referees are human, this is not the Champions League and most importantly they are Children.

Players Code of Conduct

As a player, you have a big part to play. Fair Play and respect for all others in the game are essential. We are asking every player to follow a Code of Conduct to Respect Our Game. When playing football, I will:

- Always work hard to learn and improve any way to the best of my ability.
- Play fairly with sportsmanship and respect to Respect Our Game.
- Respect my team-mates, opposition, officials, and self.
- Play by the rules and always respect the referee.
- Value your opposition by playing hard and fair.
- Shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game.
- Lead by example both on and off the pitch.
- Listen and respond to what my coach tells me.
- Talk to someone I trust or the club welfare officer if I'm unhappy about anything at my club.

Parents and Spectators Code of Conduct

Parents have a great influence on children's enjoyment and success in football. Children play football because they first and foremost love the game – it's FUN. Remember children's football is a time for them to develop and learn. We want them to win but not at all costs. Play your part by supporting your child and always observe the Code of Conduct. I will:

- Remember that children play for FUN.
- Applaud effort and good play.
- Always respect the match officials' decisions.
- Remain outside the field of play or within the Designated Spectators' Areas.
- Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do.
- Encourage your child, and others, or be quiet. Praise effort and performance, not results.
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee, and officials.
- Avoid criticising a player for making a mistake – mistakes are part of learning.
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour.
- Parents must develop an appropriate supportive relationship with both the coach and their child based on mutual trust and respect.
- Support the coach's decisions and discuss any concerns directly with the coach.

Coaches and Officials

Code of Conduct

As a coach you will be in a position of great responsibility in the development of the children you work with, and you are a role model to your players and parents. We are asking every coach and club official to follow a code of conduct to Respect Our Game. On and off the field, I will:

- Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, officials, and parents.
- Understand and abide by the laws, rules and spirit of the game and any competition in which you participate.
- Promote Fair Play and high standards of behaviour to Respect Our Game.
- Work with the Officials and always show respect • Never engage in public criticism of the officials.
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour.
- Place the well-being, safety, and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning.
- Explain exactly what I expect of players and what they can expect from me.
- Ensure all parents/spectators of all players have agreed to Code of conduct.
- Always be honest with players, parents, guardians, and officials.
- Develop mutual trust and respect with every player to build their self-esteem.
- Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- Always look for and encourage positive attributes, performance, and effort.

Declaration

- We agree to follow the code of Conduct and understand that failure to do so may result in action being taken against the club, team or individual.
- We confirm that we will follow the code of conduct to support a positive football environment.
- We confirm that the code of conduct has been discussed with each player.
- We have held a meeting and discussed the code of conduct with our parents and supporters.

Signed by:

Dated