



Letham Community Sports Club

Code of Conduct

Letham Community Sports Club is committed to providing a safe, welcoming and enjoyable environment where everyone can participate in football, develop their skills and be part of the local community.

Everyone involved with the club has a responsibility to set a positive example and show respect to players, coaches, volunteers, parents, spectators, opponents and match officials.

YOUNG PLAYERS

WHEN PLAYING FOOTBALL, I WILL:

- Always try my best and play for the benefit of my team.
- Play fairly and follow the Laws of the Game.
- Respect my teammates, opponents, coaches, referees and other match officials.
- Listen to and respond appropriately to my coach or team manager.
- Never deliberately cheat, intimidate, bully or deliberately hurt another player.
- Use appropriate and respectful language at training and matches.
- Accept that mistakes are part of football and encourage others when they make mistakes.
- Be gracious in victory and defeat.
- Shake hands with opponents and match officials after games where appropriate.
- Look after club equipment, facilities and playing areas.
- Attend training and matches on time and be prepared to participate.
- Speak to a trusted adult, coach or club welfare officer if I am unhappy or concerned about anything at the club.

IF I DO NOT FOLLOW THIS CODE:

Depending on the circumstances, I may:

- Be asked to apologise to a teammate, opponent, coach or match official.
- Receive a verbal or formal warning.
- Be substituted or removed from a training activity.
- Be asked to meet with my coach, club official or welfare officer.
- Be temporarily suspended from training or matches.
- Be subject to further action by the club in accordance with its policies.

My parent or guardian may be informed if appropriate.

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ADULT PLAYERS

WHEN PLAYING FOOTBALL, I WILL:

- Follow the Laws of the Game and competition rules.
- Maintain high standards of behaviour and fair play.
- Respect the decisions of referees and other match officials.
- Never publicly criticise match officials or undermine their authority.
- Never use offensive, insulting, threatening, discriminatory or abusive language or behaviour.
- Never bully, intimidate or harass another person.
- Respect my teammates, opponents, coaches, team managers and club officials.
- Remember that mistakes happen and support teammates when they make mistakes.
- Be gracious in victory and defeat.
- Shake hands with opponents and match officials after games where appropriate.
- Represent Letham Community Sports Club positively on and off the pitch.
- Follow reasonable instructions from coaches, team managers and club officials.
- Help create a safe, respectful and enjoyable environment for everyone involved in the club.

IF I DO NOT FOLLOW THIS CODE:

Depending on the circumstances, I may:

- Be asked to apologise to a teammate, opponent, coach or match official.
 - Receive a verbal or formal warning.
 - Receive a written warning.
 - Be asked to attend an education or behaviour-related meeting where appropriate.
 - Be substituted, dropped or not selected for a match.
 - Be temporarily suspended from training or club activities.
 - Be subject to further club disciplinary action.
 - Be subject to any relevant sanctions from football authorities where appropriate.
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PARENTS AND SPECTATORS

We recognise that children participate in football primarily to enjoy themselves, develop and make friends.

I WILL:

- Remember that children play football for enjoyment and development.
- Applaud effort and good play from both teams.
- Encourage players positively rather than criticising mistakes.
- Respect the decisions of referees and match officials, even when I disagree.
- Allow coaches to coach without giving instructions from the sideline.
- Encourage players to respect their teammates, opponents, coaches and officials.
- Remain in designated spectator areas where applicable.
- Appreciate good football and sportsmanship from both teams.
- Support a safe, positive and inclusive environment.
- Treat all players equally and with respect.
- Raise concerns appropriately with the club rather than confronting individuals during a match.
- Never engage in or tolerate offensive, insulting, threatening or abusive language or behaviour.

IF I DO NOT FOLLOW THIS CODE:

Depending on the circumstances, I may:

- Receive a verbal warning from a club official.
 - Be asked to meet with a club official or welfare officer.
 - Be asked to leave the match or training venue.
 - Be asked not to attend future matches or club activities.
 - Have my club membership suspended or removed.
 - Be subject to further action where required by relevant football authorities or club procedures.
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COACHES, TEAM MANAGERS AND CLUB OFFICIALS

Everyone involved in coaching and managing teams has a responsibility to provide a positive example and create an environment where players can learn and enjoy football.

ON AND OFF THE PITCH, I WILL:

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- Set a positive example for all players.
 - Treat players, parents, spectators, opponents, coaches and match officials with respect.
 - Promote fair play and high standards of behaviour.
 - Respect the decisions of match officials.
 - Follow the Laws of the Game and relevant competition rules.
 - Never use offensive, insulting, discriminatory or abusive language or behaviour.
 - Never tolerate bullying, intimidation or harassment.
 - Remain calm and professional when dealing with challenging situations.
 - Work cooperatively with other coaches, club officials and relevant welfare personnel.
 - Represent Letham Community Sports Club positively at all times.

WHEN WORKING WITH PLAYERS, I WILL:

- Put the safety, welfare, enjoyment and development of players before winning.
- Treat every player fairly and with respect.
- Never engage in or tolerate bullying or discrimination.
- Encourage players to take responsibility for their own behaviour and development.
- Provide activities appropriate to the players' age, ability and stage of development.
- Give positive, constructive feedback.
- Support players who may require additional help or reasonable adjustments.
- Follow the club's safeguarding and welfare procedures.
- Report safeguarding or welfare concerns through the appropriate channels.

IF I DO NOT FOLLOW THIS CODE:

Depending on the circumstances, I may:

- Be required to meet with a club official or welfare officer.
 - Receive a formal warning.
 - Be suspended from attending training or matches.
 - Be removed from coaching or club duties.
 - Have my club membership or position reviewed.
 - Be subject to further action by relevant football authorities where appropriate.
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MATCH OFFICIALS

Letham Community Sports Club recognises the important role match officials play in providing a fair and safe environment for football.

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MATCH OFFICIALS WILL:

- Apply the Laws of the Game fairly and consistently.
- Remain impartial and professional.
- Manage matches calmly and confidently.
- Treat players, coaches and spectators with respect.
- Deal appropriately with misconduct, foul play and unacceptable behaviour.
- Encourage fair play and positive behaviour.
- Communicate clearly and appropriately with players and team officials. • Set a positive example for everyone involved in the game.

Players, coaches, parents and spectators must respect the role and decisions of match officials.

EQUALITY, RESPECT AND INCLUSION

Letham Community Sports Club welcomes players, families, coaches, volunteers and supporters from all backgrounds.

Everyone has the right to participate in football in an environment that is safe, inclusive and free from bullying, discrimination, harassment and abuse.

We will not tolerate discriminatory or abusive behaviour relating to characteristics including race, nationality, religion, disability, sex, sexual orientation or age.

OUR COMMITMENT

Everyone at Letham Community Sports Club has a role to play in creating a positive football environment.

We will promote:

RESPECT • FAIR PLAY • INCLUSION • SAFETY • ENJOYMENT • COMMUNITY

By following this Code of Conduct, we can ensure that Letham Community Sports Club remains a place where people can enjoy football, develop as individuals and feel proud to represent their community.

Letham Community Sports Club – Football for everyone. Community at our heart.

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