



**MIDDLEWICH TOWN FC**  
**CODES OF CONDUCT**

5. **Codes of Conduct** (a copy of these are to be issued to each player at the beginning of each season and the league registration form to be their acceptance of these terms)  
(On the field of play or touchline by Players, Managers or Spectators etc)

If, as a result of misconduct by Players, Managers or Spectators, (based on the codes of conduct laid out below) the Club incurs fines levied by any County Football Association or League etc, then the individuals involved must reimburse the Club in full.

The Management Committee will not necessarily wait for action from the County or League etc, where our own Parents, Players and Supporters are involved, and will have the powers to rescind Players Membership, or ban a Parent or Supporter from attending matches.

Any Player being involved in an action which could bring the Clubs' name into disrepute could be charged by the Management Committee. The Management Committee having the right to rescind the Players Membership or effect a ban etc. However, a fine cannot be a consideration.

Laid out below are the codes of conduct that the Club expects to be upheld by all of it's members at all times, where possible The Club will enforce these codes using the relevant disciplinary measures available under this Constitution

### **5.5.1 Codes of Conduct for Players**

Players are the most important people in the sport. Playing for the team, and for the team to win, is the most fundamental part of the game. **But not winning at any cost** - Fair Play and respect for all others in the game is fundamentally important.

This Code focuses on players involved in top-class football. Nevertheless, the key concepts in the Code are valid for players at **all** levels.

#### **Obligations towards the game**

A player should

1. Make every effort to develop their own sporting abilities, in terms of skill, technique, tactics and stamina.
2. Give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during a game, even if his team is in a position where the desired result has already been achieved.
3. Set a positive example for others, particularly young players and supporters.
4. Avoid all forms of gamesmanship, and time- wasting.
5. Always have regard to the best interests of the game, including where publicly expressing an opinion on the game and any particular aspect of it, including others involved in the game.

6. Not use inappropriate language.

### **Obligations towards one's own team**

A player should:

1. Make every effort consistent with Fair Play and the Laws of the Game to help his own team win.
2. Resist any influence which might, or might be seen to, bring into question his commitment to the team winning.

### **Respect for the Laws of the Game and competition rules**

A player should

1. Know and abide by the Laws, rules and spirit of the game, and the competition rules.
2. Accept success and failure, victory and defeat, equally.
3. Resist any temptation to take banned substances or use banned techniques.

### **Respect towards Opponents**

A player should

1. Treat opponents with due respect at **all** times, irrespective of the result of the game.
2. Safeguard the physical fitness of opponents, avoid violence and rough play, and help injured opponents.

### **Respect towards the Match Officials**

A player should:

1. Accept the decision of the Match Official without protest.
2. Avoid words or actions which may mislead a Match Official
3. Show due respect towards Match Officials.

### **Respect towards Team Officials**

A player should;

1. Abide by the instructions of their Coach and Team officials provided they do so in the spirit of this Code

2. Show due respect to the Team Officials of the opposition

### **Obligations towards Supporters**

A player should:

- 1 Show due respect to the interests of supporters

### **5.5.2 Code of Conduct for Parents / Spectators**

Parents / Spectators 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's fun. It is important to remember that however good a child becomes at football within your club, it is important to reinforce the message to parents / spectators that positive encouragement will contribute to:

- **Children** enjoying football
- A sense of personal achievement.
- Self-esteem

A parent's / spectator's expectations and attitudes have a significant bearing on a child's attitude towards:

- Other players
- Officials,
- Managers
- Spectators

Ensure that parents / spectators within your club are always positive and encouraging towards all of the children not just their own.

### **Encourage parents / spectators to**

- Applaud the opposition as well as your own team.
- Avoid coaching the child during the game.
- Not to 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.

Ensure that parents / Spectators within your club agree and adhere to your club's Code of Conduct and Child Protection Policy.

### **5.5.3 Code of conduct for Team Officials**

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

#### **Obligations towards the Game**

The team official should

1. Set a positive example for others, particularly young players and supporters.
2. Promote and develop his own team having regard to the interest of the Players, Supporters and reputation of the national game.
3. Share knowledge and experience when invited to do so, taking into account the interest of the body that has requested this rather than personal interests.
4. Avoid **all** forms of gamesmanship.
5. Show due respect to Match Officials and others involved in the game.
6. Always have regard to the best interests of the game, including where publicly expressing an opinion of the game and any particular aspect of it, including others involved in the game.
7. Not use or tolerate inappropriate language

#### **Obligations towards the Team**

1. Make every effort to develop the sporting, technical and tactical levels of the club/team, and to obtain the best results by the team, using **all** permitted means
2. Give priority to the interests of the team over individual interests
3. Resist **all** illegal or unsporting influences, including banned substances and techniques.
4. Promote ethical principles

5. Show due respect to the interests of players, coaches and other officials, at their own club/team and others.

### **Obligations towards the Supporters**

The team official should:

1. Show due respect to the interests of supporters.

### **Respect towards the Match Officials**

The team official should

1. Accept the decisions of the Match Official without protest.
2. Avoid words or actions which may mislead a Match Official.
3. Show due respect towards Match Officials.

### **5.5.4 Codes of Conduct for Coaches**

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

Coaches have to be aware that almost all of their everyday decisions and choices of actions, as well as strategic targets, have ethical implications.

It is natural that winning constitutes a basic concern for coaches. This code is not intended to conflict with that. However, the code calls for coaches to disassociate themselves from a "win-at-all-costs" attitude.

Increased responsibility is requested from coaches involved in coaching young people. The health, safety, welfare and moral education of young people are a first priority, before the achievement or the reputation of the club, school, coach or parent.

Set out below is The FA Coaches Association Code of Conduct (which reflects the standards expressed by the National Coaching Foundation and the National Association of Sports Coaches) which forms the benchmark for **all** involved in coaching:

1. Coaches must respect the rights, dignity and worth of each and every person and treat each equally within the context of the sport.
2. Coaches must place the well-being and safety of each player above all other considerations, including the development of performance.
3. Coaches must adhere to all guidelines laid down by governing bodies.

4. Coaches must develop an appropriate working relationship with each player based on mutual trust and respect.
5. Coaches must not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward.
6. Coaches must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
7. Coaches must ensure that the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players.
8. Coaches should, at the outset clarify with the players (and, where appropriate, parent) exactly what is expected of them and also what they are entitled to expect from their coach.
9. Coaches must co-operate fully with other specialists (e.g. other coaches, officials, sports scientists, doctors, physiotherapists) in the best interests of the player.
10. 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 or the USE of prohibited substances or techniques.
11. Coaches must consistently display high standards of behaviour and appearance.
12. Not to use or tolerate inappropriate language

### **5.5.5 Codes of Conduct within the Supporter's Club**

The Club is keen to maintain a family environment within the Supporter's Club to this end the following rules will be enforced within the Supporter's Club. It is every member's responsibility to ensure that the rules are adhered to for the benefit of all members.

#### **In respect to Parents**

Parents are asked to ensure that their children behave in a responsible manner, ie do not run within the Club, do not walk/play on the furniture, do not bring footballs into the club.

The licensing laws state that Children are not to be served at the bar with anything, Crisps etc, therefore could parents please come to the Bar on behalf of their children.

Parents are responsible for their Children outside the Club house, Children are not to play on the Car Park, main pitch and the all weather pitch unless under supervision, throw stones onto the car park or the playing areas.

Buggies etc are keep away from the main walkways within the Club.

Parents must not allow their children to take glasses or bottles outside the club house. Plastic glasses are available if drinks are being taken outside, please ask at the bar.

Parents must not allow their children to use the fruit machine.

Please remember that the committee members are volunteers and work with them to provide a facility that we can all be proud of, Support them in reprimanding children. It is not within the Committee members remit to monitor and control children that is your responsibility.

#### **In respect to the Children**

Children under the age of 14 are not to play at the Pool table, unless supervised.

Children are not allowed to play any form of ball games within the clubhouse.

Children under 18 cannot be served alcohol at the bar.

Children under 18 cannot play on the fruit machine.

Children are not allowed to fight or wrestle in the clubhouse.

Children under the age of 16 are not allowed in the Club unless accompanied by a Parent or Guardian

#### **In respect of adults**

Foul and offensive language will not be tolerated in the Clubhouse

Any form of violence, verbal or physical, to either a member of staff or anyone else will result in immediate expulsion from the Club and could lead to prosecution.

Show consideration to others within the Club and to the neighbours when arriving or leaving the Club, please park in an appropriate place.

Any person willfully vandalising any club property will be barred from all areas of the Club including the playing side, this will include the Children of any adult barred.

Any incident within the Club house will be dealt with by the main committee following the disciplinary procedures as laid out in section 10 of this document