



## Code of Conduct for Coaches and Officials

We all bear a collective responsibility to set a good example and help provide a positive environment in which children can learn and enjoy the game.

Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct at all times.

### **On and off the field, I will:**

- Use my position to set a positive example for the people I am responsible for
- Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators
- Adhere to the laws and spirit of the game
- Promote Fair Play and high standards of behaviour
- Respect the match official's decision
- Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Be aware of the potential impact of bad language on other participants, facility users or neighbours
- Be gracious in victory and defeat

### **When working with players, I will:**

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning
- Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying
- Ensure all activities I organise are appropriate for the players' ability level, age and maturity
- Co-operate fully with others in football (e.g. officials, doctors, physiotherapists, welfare officers) for each player's best interests

**I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA or The FA:**

### **I may be:**

- Required to meet with the club, league or County Welfare Officer
- Suspended by the club from attending matches
- Suspended or fined by the County FA
- Required to leave or be sacked by the club

### **In addition:**

- My FA Coaching Licence may be withdrawn