

# Code 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 is based on one proposed by the Football Association and 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 for 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.

## 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 that may mislead a Match Official.
3. Show due respect towards Match Officials.

## 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 Team Officials

### *A player should:*

1. Abide by the instructions of their Coach and Team Officials, provided they do not contradict the spirit of this Code.
2. Show due respect towards the Team Officials of the opposition.

## Obligations towards the Supporters

### *A player should:*

1. Show due respect to the interests of supporters.

**Breaches of this Code of Conduct for Players could lead to the officials of Great Danes YFC expelling the player concerned from the club.**

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# 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.

## Expectations

Parents / spectators should remember that their expectations and attitudes have a significant bearing on a child's attitude towards:

- Other players
- Officials
- Managers
- Spectators

## Attitudes

### *A parent / spectator should:*

1. Applaud the opposition as well as your own team.
2. Avoid coaching the children during the game.
3. Not shout and scream.
4. Respect the referee's decision.
5. Give attention to each of the children involved in football not just the most talented.
6. Give encouragement to everyone to participate in football.

## Positive Encouragement

### *A parent / spectator should:*

1. Provide positive encouragement so that the players enjoy playing football.
2. Provide positive encouragement so that the players build a sense of personal achievement.
3. Provide positive encouragement so that the players build a sense of self-esteem.
4. Provide positive encouragement so that the players improve their skills and techniques.
5. Provide positive encouragement to all players, not just their own.

**Breaches of this Code of Conduct for Parents / Spectators could lead to the officials of Great Danes YFC asking the parents / spectators concerned to stop spectating games and could even lead to their child being expelled from the club.**