

Malmesbury Youth Football Club



Code of Conduct

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A Code of Conduct for Football

Football is the national game. All those involved with the game at every level and whether as a player, match official, coach, owner or administrator, have a responsibility, above and beyond compliance with the law, to act to the highest standards of integrity, and to ensure that the reputation of the game is, and remains, high. This code applies to all those involved in football under the auspices of The Football Association.

Community

Football at all levels is a vital part of a community. Football will take into account community feeling when making decisions.

Equality

Football is opposed to discrimination of any form and will promote measures to prevent it, in whatever form, from being expressed.

Participants

Football recognises the sense of ownership felt by those at all levels of the game. This includes those who play those who coach or help in any way, and those who officiate, as well as administrators and supporters. Football is committed to appropriate consultation.

Young People

Football acknowledges the extent of its influence over young people and pledges to set a positive example.

Referees

The referee could be under 18 years of age and therefore legally considered a child. A referee is in a position of authority, respect is required and if a coach is unhappy with a decision then respectful appropriate challenge should be considered. The coach does have a right to report anti-social behaviour towards a referee and also to report anti-social behaviour from a referee.

Propriety

Football acknowledges the public confidence demands the highest standards of financial and administrative behaviour within the game, and will not tolerate corruption or improper practises.

Trust and Respect

Football will uphold a relationship of trust and respect between all involved in the game, whether they are individuals, club or other organisations.

Violence

Football rejects the use of violence of any nature by anyone involved in the game.

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Fairness

Football is committed to fairness in its dealings with all involved in the game.

Integrity and Fair Play

Football is committed to the principle of playing to win consistent with Fair Play.

Obligations to 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
7. There is no place on the pitch for aggression / bullying behaviour towards a referee.

A spectator should

1. Give positive encouragement to all players
2. Accept all decisions made by the match officials
3. Set a positive example for others, particularly young players
4. 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
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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

Inappropriate conduct

Any inappropriate conduct will be reported to the committee and may result in exclusions or a ban for Players and/or Spectators.