

Codes of Conduct

All members of Readstone United Junior Football Club ("the Club") are expected to always promote high standards of behaviour, respect and sportsmanship.

These Codes of Conduct apply to all players, coaches, volunteers, parents/carers, spectators and club officials.

Players

Players are expected to:

- Play to the best of their ability and for the benefit of the team.
- Play fairly and follow the Laws of the Game and referee instructions.
- Show respect to team-mates, coaches, opponents and match officials.
- Accept decisions made by coaches and managers in the interests of the team.
- Be disciplined in behaviour and language.
- Win and lose with dignity and respect.
- Support and encourage team-mates.
- Speak to a trusted adult, coach or the Club Welfare Officer if worried or unhappy about anything.

Players must never:

- Use abusive, offensive or discriminatory language.
- Bully, intimidate or threaten others.
- Deliberately disrespect opponents, coaches or match officials.
- Display violent or dangerous behaviour.

Players should understand that poor behaviour may result in:

- A conversation and reminder of expectations.
- An apology being required.
- A warning from the Team Manager/Coach or Club.
- Being substituted or not selected for matches.
- Suspension from training or matches.
- Referral to the County FA where appropriate.
- In serious cases, removal from the Club.

Where fines or charges are imposed on the Club due to serious misconduct, the Club reserves the right to seek reimbursement where appropriate.

Club Officials, Team Managers & Coaches

All volunteers and officials associated with the Club are expected to act as role models and help create a safe, positive and enjoyable environment for ~~young people~~ **everyone involved**.

Club officials are expected to:

- Put the safety, welfare and enjoyment of players first.
- Set a positive example both on and off the field.
- Treat everyone fairly and with respect.
- Promote fair play and high standards of behaviour.
- Respect match officials and never behave aggressively or inappropriately towards them.
- Never use offensive, abusive, intimidating or discriminatory language or behaviour.
- Never tolerate bullying, abuse or poor conduct.
- Ensure activities are appropriate to players' age, maturity and ability.
- Work collaboratively with parents, welfare officers, officials and other football stakeholders in the best interests of players.

Failure to follow this Code may result in:

- A formal discussion with the Club Committee or Welfare Officer.
- Suspension from matches or training.
- Referral to the County FA.
- Removal from a coaching or volunteer role.
- Termination of involvement with the Club.

Where applicable, sanctions may also be imposed by The FA or County FA.

Spectators & Parents/Carers

Spectators and parents/carers play an important role in creating a positive football environment.

All spectators are expected to:

- Remember that children play football for enjoyment and development.
- Encourage effort, teamwork and positive attitudes.
- Respect referees and accept decisions.
- Applaud good play from both teams.
- Support players positively and avoid criticism.
- Allow coaches to coach and avoid instructing players from the sideline.
- Remain in designated spectator areas and behind respect barriers where provided.
- Encourage respect towards opponents and match officials.
- Always behave respectfully.

Spectators must never:

- Use abusive, offensive, threatening or discriminatory language.
- Shout aggressively at players, officials, coaches or other spectators.
- Enter the field of play without permission.
- Undermine coaches or create unnecessary pressure on players.

Failure to follow this Code may result in:

- A verbal or written warning.
- A meeting with Club officials or Welfare Officer.
- Being asked to leave a venue.
- Suspension from attending matches or training.
- Referral to the County FA.
- Removal from Club activities in serious cases.

The Club reserves the right to take action where behaviour is deemed detrimental to the Club, its members or reputation.

Match Officials

The Club expects all match officials, including volunteers acting as referees, to:

- Be fair, honest and impartial.
- Apply the Laws of the Game consistently.
- Promote respect and positive behaviour.
- Communicate calmly and confidently.
- Manage games safely and fairly.
- Never tolerate abusive or threatening behaviour.

The Club will support match officials and expects players, coaches and spectators to always treat them with respect.

Breaches And Appeals

The Club reserves the right to investigate any conduct considered detrimental to the Club's reputation or contrary to these Codes of Conduct.

Any individual subject to action under this policy may appeal in writing to the Club Secretary within seven days of being notified of the decision. Appeals will be reviewed by the Club Committee in line with Club procedures.

Policy Review

Approved by: Readstone United JFC Committee

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