

# MAYFORD ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB

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Mayford Centre, Mayford Green, Mayford, Woking, Surrey, GU22 0PP  
Affiliated to Surrey County Youth Football Association

## **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 equally important.**

- To be well-mannered and polite at all times towards team mates, opponents, coaches and managers, referees, officials and spectators.
- No swearing, spitting, name calling or bad behaviour towards other players, officials or anyone else.
- To display a positive attitude, to play to the best of your ability, to encourage your team mates and enjoy your football.
- To play fairly and honestly at all times; be modest when you win, be dignified when you lose.
- To try to be a team player, putting the interests of your team before yourself; to accept the instructions of the Manager or Coach.
- After a game, when possible shake hands with the opposition, whatever the result.
- To show respect for the football kit and training equipment which you use. All players will be expected to help set up and clear away training equipment.
- To learn and observe the Laws of the Game; to accept the decisions of the officials without protest.
- To keep your self-control at all times, show no retaliation, to avoid all forms of gamesmanship and time-wasting.

**It is important everyone behaves themselves when playing football.** As a player, you have a big part to play. That's why The FA is asking every player to follow a Respect Code of Conduct.

### **When playing football, I will:**

- Always do my best, even if we're losing or the other team is stronger
- Play fairly - I won't cheat, complain or waste time
- Never be rude to my team-mates, the other team, the referee, spectators or my coach/team manager
- Do what the referee tells me
- Shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game
- Listen to my coach/team manager and respect what he/she says
- Talk to someone I trust, for example my parents or the club welfare officer if I'm unhappy about anything at my club.

**If a player does not follow the code, action may be taken by the Manager or the Club.**

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## CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS & CARERS

- To be present at least five minutes before the start of training and thirty minutes before the kick-off of a match.
- All parents (or players) to inform the coach or manager well in advance if they are going to be absent or late, particularly for a forthcoming match.
- To ensure that their child is wearing appropriate clothing for the weather, football boots, football kit, shin pads and a filled water bottle, as well as clothing (fleece, tracksuit, gloves, etc.). It is important that a player is warm at all times.
- To be courteous and polite at all times towards all players, coaches and managers, referees, officials and other spectators. Do not become involved in an argument, or dispute, with match officials, players, or other spectators. Not to use or tolerate inappropriate language.
- To report any injury or illness which your child may have to the team manager or coach as early as possible.
- To support the managers and coaches working with your child, in order to encourage a positive experience for ALL parties.
- To encourage your child and his team mates from the touchline but NOT to criticise them.
- To leave the managing of the side and the tactics to the Manager or his assistants.
- To set a good example to your child and his team mates by not criticising or arguing with the referee from the touchline. To show that you appreciate sportsmanship and good football displayed by either team.
- Let the players play, coaches coach, referees ref and the manager pick the team.

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game. This club is supporting The FA's Respect programme to ensure football can be enjoyed by everyone in a safe and positive environment. Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for spectators and parents/carers at all times.

### **I will:**

- Remain outside the field of play and behind the Designated Spectator Area (where provided)
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Always respect the match officials' decisions
- Applaud effort and good play from both teams as well as success for my team

### **In addition, when attending youth games I will:**

- Remember that children play for FUN
- Let the coaches do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition and match officials
- Never criticise a player for making a mistake -mistakes are part of learning

**A breach of the code may result in action being taken by the Club, the County FA and / or The FA.**

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## CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MANAGERS & COACHES

- To be courteous and polite at all times towards all players, other coaches and managers, referees, officials and spectators. Not to use or tolerate inappropriate language.
- To respect the rights, dignity and worth of each and every player and to treat each individual equally and fairly. To provide positive support, care and encouragement for players participating in football.
- To place the well-being and safety of each player above all other considerations, including the development of performance.
- To encourage good sportsmanship, to discourage gamesmanship, to always promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play) and never condone violations of the Laws of the Game or behaviour contrary to the spirit of the Laws of the Game.
- To display high standards of behaviour, by setting a good example to all players and spectators, by not criticising or arguing with the referee and officials from the touchline.
- To encourage and praise the efforts of the players, but NOT to criticise them.
- To endeavour to achieve consistency and fairness in the selection of teams, based primarily on the ability and merit of the players, but also considering the best interests of each team.
- To encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- To ensure that the training activities undertaken are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players.

## YOUTH FOOTBALL

HE STANDS ON THE FIELD WITH HIS HEART BEATING FAST,  
THE WHISTLE HAS BLOWN, THE DIE HAS BEEN CAST.  
MUM AND DAD CANNOT HELP HIM, HE STANDS ALL ALONE.  
A GOAL AT THIS MOMENT WOULD SEND THE TEAM HOME.  
THE BALL NEAR HIS FEET, HE KICKS AND HE MISSES.  
THERE'S A GROAN FROM THE CROWD, SOME BOOS AND SOME HISSES.  
A THOUGHTLESS VOICE CRIES " TAKE OFF THE BUM ".  
TEARS FILL HIS EYES, IT'S NO LONGER FUN.

IF YOU'RE EVER TEMPTED TO SHOUT OR TO GROAN,  
REMEMBER IT'S A CHILD WHO STANDS ALL ALONE.  
SO OPEN YOUR HEART AND GIVE THEM A BREAK.  
ITS MOMENTS LIKE THIS A PLAYER YOU MAKE.  
KEEP THIS IN MIND, PLEASE DO NOT FORGET,  
THEY'RE ONLY CHILDREN, NOT ADULTS YET !