

# Respect Code of Conduct



## Spectators and parent/carers

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game. Wadhurst JFC is supporting The FA's Respect programme to ensure football can be enjoyed in a safe, positive environment. Remember children's football is a time for them to develop their technical, physical, tactical and social skills. Winning isn't everything. Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for spectators and parents/carers at all times.

I will:

- Remember that children play for FUN
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success
- Always respect the match officials' decisions
- Remain outside the field of play and within the Designated Spectators' Area (where provided) and not to enter the field of play at any time, unless directed by the referee
- Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Encourage the players to Respect the opposition, referee and match officials
- Avoid criticising a player for making a mistake – mistakes are part of learning
- Never engage in, or tolerate offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour

**In addition, Wadhurst JFC expects the spectator/parent/carer to:**

- Remember that you are representing the club at both home and away venues
- The Referee or Game Leader's decision is final, and we should respect their decision at all times – accepting that such decisions are often made under difficult circumstances
- Swearing is a sending off offence for the players, and is not acceptable from their supporters, whether directed at our players, their opposition, or officials in charge
- Adults are expected to set a good example for the players, by offering advice, encouragement and support at all times. Wadhurst JFC will not tolerate abuse, embarrassment or humiliation in any form under any circumstances - and may expel offenders without further warning
- Applaud the opposition as well as your own team
- Not to shout and scream
- Show due respect to opposition officials and supporters
- Give attention to all players, not just the most talented
- When representing the Club, all parents/supporters must adhere to the Club's Codes of Conduct
- The Manager's decisions are final regarding the running of their team, including team selection and substitutions. Should you have cause for complaint, please contact the Club Welfare Officer

**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 issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official
- Be required to meet with the club, league or CFA Welfare Officer
- Be required to meet with the club committee
- Be obliged to undertake an FA education course
- Be obliged to leave the match venue by the club
- Be requested by the club not to attend future games
- Be suspended or have my club membership removed
- Be required to leave the club along with any dependents