 Players and Spectators Code of Conduct

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game. It is because of this that Sussex Schools FA have a code of conduct for both players, spectators and coaches.

Playing for your county is a privilege, and players must respect the code of conduct at all times.

**PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT:**

**On and off the field, I will:**

• Adhere to the Laws of The Game

• Display and promote high standards of behaviour

• Promote Fair Play

• Always respect the match officials’ decisions

• Never engage in public criticism of the match officials

• Never engage in offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour

• Never engage in bullying, intimidation or harassment

• Speak to my team-mates, the opposition and my coach/manager with respect

• Remember we all make mistakes.

• Win or lose with dignity. Shake hands with the opposing team and the referee at the end of every game.

**I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA, Schools FA or The FA:**

• Be required to apologise to team-mates, the other team, referee or team manager

• Receive a warning from the coach

• Receive a written warning from the committee

• Be required to attend an FA education course

• Be dropped or substituted

• Not be selected for the team

• Be required to serve a suspension

• Be fined

• Be required to leave the club.

**SPECTATOR(S) CODE OF CONDUCT:**

**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 as well as success

**In addition, when attending 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

**I understand that breaches of the code may result in action being taken by my Schools FA and /or The FA.**

**By signing below, I accept the above code of conduct and will respect the code of conduct at all times. Please return in envelope provided**

**Players Name ………………………………………………………… Signature …………………………………………………………….**

**Spectator Name(s) ………………………………………………………………………. Signature(s)………………………………………**

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