

# **F.A. RESPECT PROGRAMME & CODES OF CONDUCT**

## **SUPPORTED BY ORPINGTON ROVERS F.C.**

### **YOUNG PLAYERS**

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game

As a Player, you have a big part to play. That is why the F.A. is asking every player to follow a Respect Code of Conduct.

#### **When playing Football I will:**

- Always play to the best of my ability
- Play fairly and will not cheat, complain or waste time
- Respect my Team Mates, players in the Opposing Team, the Referee and my Coach / Team Manager
- Play by the Rules as directed by the Referee
- Shake hands with the opposition players and the Referee at the end of the game
- Listen and respond to what my Coach / Team Manager tells me
- Talk to someone I trust or the Club Welfare Officer if I am unhappy about anything at the Club

I understand that if I do not follow the Codes of Conduct, any or all of the following actions may be taken by the Club, a County F.A. or the F.A. directly

#### **I may:**

- Be required to apologise to my Team Mates, the Opposition Team, the Referee or my Team Manager
- Receive a formal warning from the Team Manager / Coach or the Club Committee.
- Be dropped from the Team or Substituted
- Be suspended from taking part in matches or Training Sessions.
- Be required to leave the Club

#### **In addition:**

- The Club, a County F.A. or the F.A. may make my Parent, Guardian or Carer aware of any infringements of the Respect Codes of Conduct
- The F.A. or a County F.A. could impose a Fine and/or Suspension against the Club

### **PARENTS, GUARDIANS, CARERS AND SPECTATORS:**

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Orpington Rovers supports the F.A's Respect Programme to ensure that football is enjoyed by all in a Safe and Positive Environment.

Always remember that Children's Football is a time for them to develop their Technical, Physical, Tactical and Social Skills. Winning isn't everything.

Adults can play their part by observing the F.A's Respect Codes of Conduct for Parents, Guardians, Carers and Spectators at all times.

**I will:**

- Remember that Children play for Fun and enjoyment
- Applaud Effort and Good Play as well as Success
- Always respect the Match Officials' decisions
- Remain outside of the Field of Play and within the Designated Spectator Area (behind the Blue Line)
- Let the Coaches do their job and not confuse the players by giving them different instructions
- Encourage the players to respect their Opponents, the Referee and Match Officials
- Avoid criticising players for making mistakes – they can often be the result of Good Intentions that players try and they are all part of the learning process
- Never engage in, or tolerate, Offensive, Insulting, Abusive language or behaviour

I understand that if I do not follow the Codes of Conduct, any or all of the following actions may be taken by the Club, a County F.A. or the F.A. directly

**I may be:**

- Issued with a Verbal Warning from the Club or a League Official
- Required to meet with the Club, League or County F.A. Welfare Officer
- Required to meet with the Club Committee.
- Obligated to undertake an F.A. Education Course
- Asked to leave the Match Venue by a Club Official, or the Referee
- Requested by the Club not to attend future games
- Suspended, or have my Club Membership withdrawn
- Required to leave the Club along with any dependants.

In addition, I understand that the F.A. or a County F.A. could impose a Fine and/or Suspension against the Club

**MATCH OFFICIALS**

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the Game

The behaviour of Match Officials has an impact, directly and indirectly, on the conduct of everyone involved in the game, both on the Pitch and on the Sidelines

Play your part and observe the F.A's Respect Code of Conduct of Match Officials at all times.

**I will:**

- Be honest and completely impartial at all times
- Apply the Laws of the Game and Competition Rules fairly and consistently
- Manage the game in a positive, calm and confident manner
- Deal with all instances of violence, aggression, unsporting behaviour, foul play and other misconduct
- Never tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour from Players and Officials
- Support my Match Official Colleagues at all times.
- Set a positive personal example by promoting good behaviour and showing respect to everyone involved in the game.
- Communicate with the players and encourage fair play.
- Respond in a clear, calm and confident manner to any appropriate request for clarification by the Team Captains.
- Prepare physically and mentally for every match.
- Complete and submit accurate and concise reports within the time limit required for games in which I officiate

I understand that if I do not follow the Codes of Conduct, any or all of the following actions may be taken by the Club, a County F.A. or the F.A. directly

**I may be:**

- Required to meet with the F.A. or County F.A. Refereeing Officer
- Required to meet with the F.A. or County F.A. Refereeing Committee
- Be required to attend, or re-attend, the F.A. Respect training or other F.A. Education Course.
- Issued with a written warning.
- Fined by the County F.A.
- Offered less Senior Appointments.
- Suspended from all appointments for a defined period of time, or number of matches.
- Excluded from affiliating as an F.A. Referee.

**COACHES, TEAM MANAGERS & CLUB OFFICIALS**

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the Game

In the F.A.'s survey of 37,000 Grass Roots Participants, behaviour was the biggest concern in the game. This included the Abuse of Match Officials and the unacceptable behaviour of over competitive Parents, Spectators, Coaches and Team Managers on the sideline.

Play your part and observe the Football Association's Respect Codes of Conduct in everything you do

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

- Show respect to others involved in the game including Match Officials, Opposition Players, Team Managers, Coaches, Officials and Spectators
- Adhere to the Laws and Spirit of the game.
- Promote Fair Play and high standards of behaviour.
- Always respect the Match Official's decisions.
- Never enter the Field of Play without the permission of the Match Referee.
- Never engage in public criticism of the Match Officials.
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.

**When working with Players, I will:**

- Place the wellbeing, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning
- Explain exactly what I expect from players and what they can expect from me.
- Ensure that all Parents, Guardians and Carers of all players under the age of eighteen (18) understand these expectations.
- Never engage in, or tolerate, any form of bullying.
- Develop mutual trust and respect with every player to build their self esteem.
- Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- Ensure all activities I organise are appropriate for the players' ability level, age and maturity.
- Cooperate fully with others in football, (e.g. Officials, Doctors, Physiotherapists and Welfare Officers) for the best interests of each player.

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**I may be:**

- Required to meet with the Club, League or County F.A. Welfare Officer
- Required to meet with the Club Committee.
- Monitored by another Club Coach.
- Required to attend a Football Association Education Course.
- Suspended by the Club from attending matches.
- Suspended, or fined by the County F.A.
- Required to leave or be dismissed by the Club.

**In addition:**

- My FACA (Football Association Coaches Association) membership may be withdrawn.

**OLDER PLAYERS**

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the Game

Players say that they want a Referee for every match, yet 7,000 Match Officials are lost to the game each season due to the abuse and intimidation they receive on and off the pitch. Respect your Referee today and you may just get one for every match during the season.

Play your part and observe the F.A.'s Respect Codes of Conduct for players at all times.

**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 Team Manager / Coach respectfully.
- Remember, we all make mistakes from time to time.
- Win, or lose, with dignity. Shake hands with the opposition and the Match Officials at the end of every game.

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**I may be:**

- Required to apologise to my Team Mates, the Opposition Team, the Referee or my Team Manager
- Receive a warning from the Team Manager / Coach.
- Receive a written warning from the Club Committee.
- Required to attend a Football Association Education Course.
- Be dropped from the Team or substituted.
- Be suspended from training.
- Not eligible for selection for the Team.
- Required to serve a Club suspension.
- Fined by the Club.
- Required to leave the Club by having my membership withdrawn.

**In addition:**

- The County F.A. or the F.A. directly could impose a fine and / or suspension on the Club.