

SBFC Academy - Code of Conduct

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PLAYERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

Obligations Toward the Game

A player should:

- Make every effort to develop their own sporting ability, in terms of skill, technique, tactics and stamina.
- Give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during a game, even if the team is in a position where the desired result has already been achieved.
- Set a positive example for others, particularly young players and supporters.
- Avoid all forms of gamesmanship and time-wasting.
- Always have regard to the best interests of the game, including where publicly expressing an opinion on the game and any particular aspect of it, including others involved in the game.
- Not use inappropriate language.

Obligations Towards the Team

A player should:

- Make every effort consistent with Fair Play and the Laws of the Game to help the team performing at its highest level as a team.
- Resist any influence that might, or might be seen to, bring into question commitment to the team.

Respect for the Laws of the Game and Competition Rules

A player should:

- Know and abide by the Laws, rules and spirit of the game, and the competition rules for leagues. Accept success and failure, victory and defeat, equally.
- Resist any temptation to take banned substances or use banned techniques.

Respect Towards Opponents

A player should:

- Treat opponents with due respect at all times, irrespective of the result of the game.
- Safeguard the physical fitness of opponents, avoid violence and rough play, and help injured opponents.

Respect Towards the Referees

A player should:

- Accept the decision of the Referee without protest.
- Avoid words or actions that may mislead a Referee.
- Show due respect towards Referee.

Respect towards Team Officials

A player should:

- Abide by the instructions of their Coach and Team Officials, provided they do not contradict the spirit of this Code.
- Show due respect towards the Team Officials of opposing teams.

Respect of Facilities

A player should:

- Follow the policies of all facilities including: water only (no other beverage or food) on artificial turf; no pets anywhere at schools or other fields that do not allow them; no wet shoes in gyms; no parking in prohibited areas.
- Not interfere with another group's permitted use of a facility before or after the time allocated to the **SBFC** team or group.
- Place disposable packaging and other garbage or recycling in containers provided, or if none are available, take them for disposal at home.

PARENTS' CODE OF CONDUCT

The expectation and attitudes of Parents/Guardians and Spectators have a significant bearing on a child's attitude towards:

- Other players, referees, coaches and managers, and spectators
- Their long-term enjoyment of the game of soccer

SBFC will ensure that Parents/Guardians and Spectators within the club are always positive and encouraging towards all of the players—not just their own—and will follow these policies themselves and encourage others to:

- Never engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, parent or player, such as booing, taunting or using profane language or gestures.
- Respect the authority of referees and coaches; never criticizing, contradicting or interfering with referees or coaches at the field; and speak with coaches privately regarding any concerns.
- Demonstrate and encourage good sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by expressing positive support for all players, coaches and officials.
- Adhere to the policies of all facilities including: water only (no other beverage or food) on artificial turf; no pets anywhere at schools or other fields that do not allow them; no parking in prohibited areas.

Additionally, for Parents/Guardians of Players under 18:

- Remember that youth soccer programs are for the players, not for parents and other adults.
- Teach children to play by the rules, and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility.
- Acknowledge that, in children's leagues, team coaches and club officials are not responsible for the supervision of any child.

I acknowledge that if I fail to abide by the rules in the Parent Code of Conduct, I may be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by official, head coach, and/or head of league organization
- Written warning
- Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by organizations involved
- Game forfeit through the official or coach (internal league)
- Parental season suspension

COACHES' CODE OF CONDUCT

SBFC expects all coaches to adhere to the following code of conduct:

1. Commitment

A coach's commitment is to improve the performance of the players and the team physically, mentally, socially and emotionally. A player needs to participate in a high-quality soccer program in a positive atmosphere and it is the coach that needs to provide a high quality soccer program for players within a positive environment and atmosphere.

2. Know Your Subject

A coach must be thoroughly acquainted with FIFA Laws of the Game and best practices for coaching.

3. Respect

Coaches must respect all human beings - including players, referees and other coaches. Opponents and referees must be treated with respect. Players must be coached to compete within the Laws of the Game.

4. Enthusiasm

Coaches must be enthusiastic and positive. They must ensure that they are generous with their praise when deserved.

5. Professionalism

A coach must maintain the high standards of personal conduct and fair play. Coaches should never be involved in any circumstance which is offensive or suggests sexual connotations.