

York Cubs F.C.

CODES OF CONDUCT

These documents are part of our FA Charter Standard. They outline what you can expect from us and what we expect from you.

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COACHES' CODE OF CONDUCT

This code of conduct is based on the Football Association recommended document which has been adapted for coaches working at York Cubs FC principally with children under the age of ten. The content may change from time to time.

1. Coaches must respect the rights, dignity and worth of each and every person and treat each equally within the context of the sport.
2. Coaches must place the well-being and safety of each child above all other considerations, including the development of performance.
3. Coaches must adhere to all guidelines laid down by governing bodies.
4. Coaches must develop an appropriate working relationship with each child and their parents based on mutual trust and respect.
5. Coaches must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
6. Coaches must ensure that the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of the children playing.
7. Coaches should, at the outset, clarify with the player and their parents exactly what is expected of them and also what they are entitled to expect from their coach.
8. Coaches must always promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play) and never condone violations of the Laws of the Game, behaviour contrary to the spirit of the Laws of the Game or relevant rules and regulations
9. Coaches must consistently display high standards of behaviour and appearance.
10. Coaches must not use abusive or offensive language, nor tolerate it from players or parents whether it be directed at their own children or any other child or adult.

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PARENTS' & SPECTATORS' CODE OF CONDUCT
(including the obligations of children playing in matches)

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This code of conduct is based on the Football Association and English Schools FA recommended documents which have been adapted principally for parents with children under the age of 10. The content may change from time to time.

Parents & spectators have a great influence on children's enjoyment and success in football. All children play football because first and foremost they enjoy it. It is important to remember that however good a child becomes at football positive encouragement will contribute to their development and an improvement in their skills and techniques.

1. Never force a child to play football
2. Cheering and encouraging your own team and your own child is what helps makes junior football an enjoyable experience for all concerned. Cheer as enthusiastically as you can but be positive and encouraging of all of the children and not just your own.
3. Applaud good play by either team and give attention to each of the children involved in the game and not just the most talented. Never yell or sneer at a player who has made a mistake (whether on your side or the opposition) or you will make him/her feel like a failure. Remember that they are not playing football for your benefit.
4. Take time to explain to your child that when he plays for York Cubs FC he/she is under an obligation to play fairly, without gamesmanship or cheating, and that enjoying the game for its own sake is far more important than winning. Help them to understand that opponents are to be treated with respect within the laws and spirit of the game.
5. Every child who is selected for a York Cubs FC match day squad will play for at least part of one game. Help your child to understand that they have a responsibility to their team mates and they may be asked to play in a position they would prefer to avoid, or to play in a team that either you or they consider to be inappropriate to their ability. Not all of the team can play in attack or midfield, and not all of the children can play for the team of their choosing. Please support the coaches decisions about which team and where in the team your child will be playing.
6. Avoid coaching the child during the game. Sometimes it is difficult to gauge the difference between encouragement and coaching. If you ask him or her, a good coach will give you a rough outline of the game plan and who is playing in which positions. Getting involved in positional play and tactics is coaching not encouragement. Shouts to pass, mark, shoot, run with the ball or get back into position is encouragement not coaching.
7. **Always** back up the referee's decision, even if you think he/she is obviously wrong. Do not publicly question his fairness or ability.
8. Do not use any offensive or insulting language towards any referee, coach, spectator or player. Avoid swearing. Make an effort to mix with visiting supporters and make them feel welcome, regardless of the welcome you may have received when visiting them.
9. Please stay off the pitch unless you are called on by the referee or a coach. This can be difficult when a child is injured but it is a disciplinary offence for any person to be on the pitch without the referee's permission. Refusal to leave when required by the referee to do so may lead to disciplinary proceedings against you and/or the club. If you need to go to where your child is, try to go around

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the touchline if possible rather than run across the pitch.

10. Your child is not allowed to play for any other team which plays in the same league as York Cubs ("the Mitchell League") or which is likely to be playing in the same cup or knockout tournaments at any time
11. On days when your child is to play in a Cubs match do not allow he/she to play any other games. This is in accordance with the FA's maximum playing durations for young players in matches of one hour per day.
12. If you have any concerns about your child's football development at the Club or any other issue raise it with the coaches or the Child Protection Officer. We take child protection very seriously and you must inform the Child Protection Officer if you suspect there are problems concerning any child.

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CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CLUB OFFICIALS

Obligations towards the game

The team official should:

1. Set a positive example for others, particularly young players and supporters.
2. Promote and develop his own team having regard to the interest of the Players, Supporters and reputation of the national game.
3. Share knowledge and experience when invited to do so, taking into account the interest of the body that has requested this rather than personal interests.
4. Avoid all forms of gamesmanship.
5. Show due respect to Match Officials and others involved in the game.
6. Always have regard for the best interests of the game, including where publicly expressing an opinion of the game and any particular aspect of it, including others involved in the game.
7. Not use or tolerate inappropriate language.

Obligations towards the team

The team official should:

1. Make every effort to develop the sporting, technical and tactical levels of the team, and to obtain the best results for the team, using all permitted means.
2. Give priority to the interests of the team over individual interests.

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3. Resist all illegal or unsporting influences.
4. Promote ethical principles.
5. Show due respect for the interests of the players, coaches and officials, their own club/team and others.

Obligations towards the Supporters

The team official should

1. Show due respect for the interests of supporters .
2. Always encourage home supporters to mix cordially with away supporters.

Respect towards the match officials

A team official should

1. Accept the decisions of the match official without protest.
2. Avoid words or actions which may mislead a match official.
3. Show due respect towards match officials.

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