

Football Development Centre

Code of Conduct

Players, Managers/Coaches & Parents/Guardians

FDC Academy agrees to:

- A safe environment in which the player can learn and develop without fear of abuse
- Monitoring and support for the player
- A structured football learning programme appropriate to the age, ability, and growth of the player
- Participation in football matches in the MJPL
- Coaches with an in-date DBS and at least one person with each team that has a Coaching Qualification, in date FA First Aid Qualification and in date FA Safeguarding Children Workshop
- Guidelines and reports to the Player and Parents on the best ways to contribute towards the players football and personal development
- Create an Environment that will not tolerate any form of discrimination
- Treat all players equally and with respect, regardless of their ability
- 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
- Co-operate fully with others in football (e.g. Officials, Doctors, Physiotherapists, Welfare Officers) for each player's best interests

The Player agrees to:

- Attend FDC Academy regularly and punctually, behave with self-discipline
- Practice the technique and skills taught by FDC Coaches and attempt to apply them in matches
- Participate in football matches outside the normal FDC as specified
- Follow a lifestyle approach to development - spending leisure time positively eating, drinking, relaxing and sleeping sensibly
- Be a good sport, applaud good play by your team and the opposition
- Play within the rules of the game
- Play for fun and enjoyment, not just to please Parents or Coaches
- Do not conceal an injury, tell your Coach if you have an injury
- Control your temper, The Development Centre does not tolerate violent or abusive behaviour by its Players
- Treat all players fairly and with respect, FDC does not tolerate bullying or taking unfair advantage of another Player
- Encourage and support your team-mates, Co-operate with your Coach
- Concentrate on the game your Coach has asked you to play, express yourself in that role
- Work hard for yourself and your Development group
- Respect the Officials and accept all decisions without question.
- Training for FDC is compulsory for all Players. Players who do not attend FDC Friday nights regularly will not be selected for the MJPL squads and risk losing their place at the Development Centre
- Players who are unable to attend a training session or game must inform the Development Manager and Match Day Managers soon as possible. Failure to do so will mean the absence will be recorded as a non-attendance for the purposes of assessing the attendance record of the Player.

The Parents/Guardians Agree to:

- Support your Child with elements they cannot control, such as ensuring that they get to each venue on time
- Support the player without pressure, praise good work and refrain from criticising lapses
- Set a good example to the player
- Communicate with the Academy and Development staff, keeping them informed about matters affecting the Player
- Permit the Player to play in football matches arranged outside of normal FDC schedule
- When you take your Child home after a match or training session, please be supportive and always focus on the positive aspects of his game. Use questions such as did you enjoy yourself? What did you do well? How do you feel you could improve? Let them provide their own answers
- Develop a responsibility in your Child to pack their own kit, clean their boots and take a drinks bottle (full of water or squash only) to training and games
- Encourage your Child to speak with the Coach. If your Child is having difficulties in training or games or can't attend training etc. encourage them to speak directly to the coaches. This "responsibility taking" is a big part of becoming a mature person. By handling off the field tasks, your Child is claiming ownership of all aspects of the game. This should be combined with Parent/Coach communication
- Help your Child to focus on the performance and not the result. Remember - winning is not as important as the performance
- Avoid pressurising your Child about winning or losing. Remember that the Club's Coaches take a long term approach to your Child's football development.
- Support all the players in your Child's squad. Do not criticise anyone. Remember – children don't mean to make mistakes.
- Do not criticise your Child's Coach to your child or other Parents. If you are not happy with the Coach you should raise the issue with the Club Management Committee.
- Do not criticise the opponents, their Parents, or their Officials.
- Never audibly dispute a Coach/Referee's decision. They will make mistakes occasionally. We all do. If you abuse or shout at the Coach/Referee you are breaking elements of the Code of Conduct and risk being asked to leave
- Extreme circumstances you could even be expelled from attending FDC
- Parents/carers must not coach from the touchline during matches or training. Leave this to the Coach or you may cause confusion and erode your child's confidence.
- Parents/Carers must not enter the field of play.
- Please remember – the game is for the players It is not for the glory of the Coach, Manager or Parents.