

### **Code of Conduct for Supporters**

Panshanger FC aims to provide a safe, friendly environment in which the players can develop their football and team working skills in an atmosphere that is competitive but also encourages fair play. The club is always pleased when its teams do well but winning is not the first priority.

To achieve this, the club has developed the following code of conduct.

1. The managers decision in all matters relating to the team and team selection is final.
2. Supporters will remember that opposition teams, visiting team officials, supporters and match officials are guests of the club and they will be treated with courtesy.
3. Games will be played in a sporting manner and supporters will not question the decisions of match officials.
4. Supporters will not enter into abusive or provocative behaviour towards opposition players, visiting team officials, supporters or match officials during matches. Swearing and physical threats or violence are unacceptable and will be reported to the relevant authorities.
5. Supporters will not enter the field of play at any time unless indicated by the referee.
6. Supporters will treat club premises and property and that of opposition clubs with respect.

The club management committee will sanction supporters who ignore this code of conduct.

Sanctions will be:

- On a first occasion the supporter will be warned. An improvement plan will be discussed and a 2 week monitoring period put in place. If no improvement is found then/or:
- On a second occasion the supporter will be suspended for a period decided by the committee.
- On a third occasion the supporter will be expelled from the club.

The management committee has the right to move directly to the second or third stage if the committee judges that an incident is so serious that this action is necessary. Anyone sanctioned under this code has the right to appeal to Herts FA within fourteen days of the sanction. This code of practice is not designed to restrict anyone's freedom but to set the standards of behaviour that are expected to ensure that everyone enjoys football.