



BERKS COUNTY RESPECT FOR PARENT, CARERS, SPECTATORS, PLAYERS, COACHES & CLUB OFFICIALS

Berks County teams play in Berkshire leagues which supports the FA Respect Programmes. Welfare and protection of young persons is top priority, meaning everyone in football must take on responsibility for looking after those who want to play the game. There are Welfare Officers at all levels in support of the this. Please report any issues as soon as possible to Penny Kay Club Welfare Officer clubwelfare@berkscountyfc.com or another Club Official. Concerns may also be reported to Safeguarding@Berks-BucksFA.com

Club Values

Players in the Junior teams play primarily to have fun and enjoy playing football, learning new skills, making friends and keeping fit.

Every child has a talent, it is our aim to help in the development of that talent in order to enhance the good feelings they get from playing football.

We respect all team- mates and their right to play – whatever their ability.

With all teams (Juniors and Adults) we want to develop mutual respect and trust to build every players self-esteem, encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance and to co-operate fully with others in football (e.g. coaches, Welfare Officers) for each players best interest.

If our players give up football they should do it because they choose to and not because of pressure from team mates or spectators

FA Respect and #WeOnlyDoPositive.

<https://www.thefa.com/get-involved/respect>

<https://www.thefa.com/news/2018/sep/05/fa-respect-we-only-do-positive-050918>

Respect Guidelines for Spectators

- Spectators should encourage ALL players (including the opposition) and not just their own children
- Spectators must try not to coach or referee – this confuses the players
- Never criticise any players – mistakes are part of learning and are MISTAKES
- Please remember coaches are volunteers. Spectator pressure can lead to coaches leaving a club.
- Spectators must set an example for fair play and excellent behaviour
- Don't try and force Respect on the opposition. Report your concerns to our coach/team manager after the game

Respect Guidelines for Players

- Always play to the best of your ability
- No cheating, swearing, complaining or wasting time
- Respect your team-mates, the other team, the referee, coach/manager
- Play by the rules as directed by the Referee
- The Referee's decision is final – do not appeal and do not complain
- Do not react to any provocation or unfair play from the opposition
- Never engage in offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Listen and respond to what your coach/manager is telling you
- Talk to someone (Club Welfare Officer) or another adult you trust if you are unhappy about anything at the club
- *Handshakes removed for COVID-19 precautions*

Respect Guidelines for Managers/Coaches and Club Officials (On and off the field)

- Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, managers, coaches, officials and spectators
- Adhere to the laws and spirit of the game
- Promote high standards of behaviour and encourage FA 'We Only Do Positive' messages
- Always respect the match officials' decision
- Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission
- Never engage in public criticism of the match officials
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour