



Harvesters Football Club Code of Conduct for Parents 2023-24

Harvesters FC promotes positive behaviour respect, safety, teamwork and effective communication. We're very proud of our ethos and culture and how we're looked upon within the community and to other clubs.

Young people develop in different ways and at different ages they also react differently in certain situations. All the managers and coaches at Harvesters Football Club are attempting to give every one of the players a worthwhile experience and help them enjoy and appreciate the game of football.

We also want to help them to become team members and understand the importance of teamwork but also develop their individual skills.

Parents/ guardians and supporters have a major part to play in the development of young people by showing a positive sporting attitude at all times.

During training sessions and games always remember:

- Young people are not playing to satisfy your own ambitions.
- Young people are involved for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Let the coaches' coach. You have entrusted the care of your child to the coaches and they need to be free to do their job. If a player has too many coaches, it is confusing, especially at the younger age groups, and their performance could decline.

You have a responsibility to encourage young people to play by the rules of the game:

- Applaud good play by both teams.
- Teamwork and giving 100% are more important than winning, accept losing as much as you accept winning and turn negative situations into positive, e.g. "hard luck, but next time".

- Never ridicule or shout at players whether they are your child or his/her team mate or even the opposition.
- Never publicly question the match officials, never doubt their honesty.
- Never publicly ridicule the coaches and remember to recognise the importance of all coaches who give their time to help develop our young people.
- Adhere to the club's standards and policies on Child Protection

The latest club Policies can be found via the link below:

https://www.harvestersfc.co.uk/d/documents.html?group_id=7257

These should be read, since part of the registration process requires confirmation of compliance with Club Codes of Conduct and acceptance of Club Policies. By way of payment you are confirming compliance.

Volunteering is a huge part of running the club, which we are forever grateful as we couldn't do it without you. We would kindly request volunteering hours at the club where needed if you are not involved in the week-to-week management of a team.

Please ensure that:

- Young people wear the correct clothing for football training and matches (be prepared for all weather conditions).
- Young people wear the correct football boots, shin-pads and any eyewear is safe (if appropriate).
- Young people bring water with them to drink for re-hydration.
- All young people to be taken and collected after training and matches by the appropriate person and at the right time.
- Young people should never be left alone at the club, always ensure an adult who is taking the session is present before you leave.

Spectators are reminded please:

- Your actions influence the mood of the players and the game.
- Stand behind the barrier or away from the touchline.
- Do not abuse match officials, however much you disagree with their decision.
- Encourage all players and applaud their efforts.
- Do not ridicule opponents for their mistakes.
- Do not applaud foul play, and do not incite your players to foul.
- Do not use foul or abusive language to players or other spectators.
- You must not enter the pitch of play during a game unless asked to do so by the referee.
- Remember when you are supporting your team you are representing your Club..
- You are subject to the laws of the game. You can be cautioned, reported, sent away from the ground, and suspended from attending any matches.
- Your team or Club can also be fined, suspended or expelled from the League/ Competition.

Team managers are instructed to report any failure to adhere to the codes of conduct to the Disciplinary Committee who shall have the power to warn parents as to future conduct, advise parents and guardians that they are no longer welcome.

Parents are reminded that the Referee is the sole judge during a match, and they should not argue with, dispute, or abuse the referee or other match officials in any way before, during or after a match. We ask that all parents/ guardians always behave in a manner that will not bring Harvesters Football Club into disrepute in any way.