



LINCOLN UNITED FC JUNIOR SECTION CODE OF CONDUCT

The FA's Respect programme provides a series of tools for leagues, clubs, coaches, referees, players, and parents from grassroots to elite football to ensure a safe, positive environment in which to enjoy the game. These tools include agreed Codes of Conduct, which have been proven through research to be a significant deterrent to poor behaviour.

At Lincoln United FC, we want to create an atmosphere that is free from the negative behaviour so prevalent in grassroots football clubs and applies to all Lincoln United FC participants including players, parents, coaches, and team officials. Coaches are volunteers and give up vast amounts of their own time to facilitate youth football. Those players who develop and grow under their direction and guidance inevitably have fun and remain physically and mentally agile; this is further supported by parents and carers who encourage positive participation.

This code of conduct applies to all participants, as stated above, and is binding when a player signs for Lincoln United Football Club.





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COACHES, TEAM MANAGERS AND CLUB OFFICIALS

On and off the field, I will:

- Always show respect to everyone involved in the game
 - Stick to the rules and celebrate the spirit of the game
 - Encourage fair play and high standards of behaviour
- Always respect the Referee and encourage players to do the same
 - Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission
- Never engage in, or tolerate offensive, insulting, or abusive behaviour
 - Be aware of the potential impact of bad language on others
 - Be gracious in victory and defeat
 - Respect the facilities home and away

When working with players, I will:

- Place their well-being, safety, and enjoyment of each player above everything
 - Never tolerate any form of bullying
- Ensure all activities are suited for the players' ability and age
 - Work with others (e.g., officials, doctors, welfare officers, physiotherapists) for each player's best interests

I understand that if I do not follow the Code of Conduct, I may be:

- Required to meet with the club or league Welfare officer or your CFA Designated Safeguarding Officer (DSO).
 - Suspended by the club from attending matches
 - Suspended or fined by the County FA
- Required to leave, lose my position and/or have my license withdrawn





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PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

Players have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game. As a player for Lincoln United FC, you have a big part to play.

That's why The FA is asking every player to follow a Respect Code of Conduct. When playing football, I will follow the rules set by my coach(es) and as a guideline they are not limited to:

- Always play to the best of my ability
- Play fairly – I won't cheat, complain, or waste time
- Respect my team-mates, the other team, the officials, or my coach/manager
 - Play by the rules, as directed by the referee
- Shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game
 - Listen and respond to what my coach/ team manager tells me
- Talk to someone I trust or the club welfare officer if I'm unhappy about anything at my club

I understand that if I do not follow the code, any/all of the actions may be taken by my club, County FA, league or The FA: I may:

- Be required to apologise to my team-mates, the other team, officials, or team manager
 - Receive a formal warning from the coach or the club committee
 - Be dropped or substituted
 - Be suspended from training
 - Be required to leave the club in addition: My club, County FA or The FA may make my parent or carer aware of any infringements of the Code of Conduct
- The FA/County FA could impose a fine and suspension against my club.





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PARENT, CARER AND/OR SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

Youth football is a time for children to develop their technical, physical, tactical, and social skills. Winning isn't everything. As a parent, carer and/or spectator you have a big part to play. That's why The FA and Lincoln United FC are asking every parent to follow this Code of Conduct.

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any / all of the following actions may be taken by Lincoln United FC, Lincolnshire FA, the league or The FA. I will:

- Remember that children play for FUN
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success
- Always respect the match officials' decisions, some are children themselves
- Remain outside the field of play and within the Designated Spectators' Area (where provided) until your child is released by the coach.
 - Let the coach(es) do their job and do not confuse the players by telling them what to do
 - Encourage the players to respect the opposition, the referee and other match officials
 - DO NOT criticise a player for making a mistake - mistakes are part of learning.
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour, whether in person or through, for example, social network sites





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Failure to abide by this code of conduct, or in the spirit of this code of conduct, I may be:

- Issued with a verbal warning from a coach, club, or league official
- Issued with a **YELLOW CARD** and be asked to leave the vicinity of the game for the rest of the game.
- Issued a **RED CARD** and be asked to leave the vicinity of the game and all further games/training until a decision has been made by a club, league or County Welfare Officer
- Required to meet with the club, league, or County FA Welfare Officer
 - Required to meet with the club committee
 - Obligated to undertake an FA education course
 - Obligated to leave the match venue by the club
- Requested by the club not to attend future games, this may include non-participation of your child
 - Suspended or have my club membership removed
 - Required to leave the club along with any dependents.

In addition, The FA/County FA could impose a fine and/ or suspension on the club.

The FA's Respect Campaign programme aims to educate parents, carers, spectators, and coaches on their roles in creating a fun, safe and inclusive environment for players to ensure the campaign is embraced throughout the age groups and results in the sustained participation of players and volunteers alike.

