ALPHTINGTON YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB OPERATING CHARTER

The purpose of this document is to explain what is expected from the players and parents/carers and what you can expect from the club.

Name of Child: ___________________  Age group: ___________________

Players

When playing football, I will:

● Always do my best, even if we are losing or the other team is stronger
● Play fairly – I won’t cheat, complain, waste time or use inappropriate language
● Never make comments on any social network which are personal in nature, or could be construed as offensive, use foul language or contain direct or indirect threats aimed at other participants
● Never be rude to my team-mates, the other team, the referee, spectators or my coach/team manager
● Shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game
● Listen to my coach/team manager and respect what he/she says
● Demonstrate respect for own, opponents and borrowed facilities and equipment
● Talk to someone I trust, for example my parents or the club welfare officer if I’m unhappy about anything at the club

If I break the code, the following action can be taken:

● Speak to me and warn me to improve my behaviour
● Speak to my mum, dad or carer about my behaviour
● Stop me from training
● Stop me from playing in the next match or a number of matches
● Leave the club
● My club could also be formally penalised
● Have my resignation taken away from the league

Parents / Carers / Spectators

I / We will:

● Remain outside the field of play and behind the designated spectator area
● Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
● Always respect the match officials decision
● Applaud effort and good play as well as success
● Never make comments on any social network which are personal in nature, or could be construed as offensive, use foul language or contain direct or indirect threats aimed at other participants
● Remember that children play for fun
● Let the coaches do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
● Encourage the players to respect the opposition and match officials
● Never criticise a player for making a mistake as mistakes are part of learning

If I break the code, the following action can be taken:

● A verbal warning from my club coach/team manager, the league official or the referee
● Being asked to leave the match venue by the Club
- Being asked by the Club not to attend future games
- If a parent/carer, my child not being allowed to register next season
- My Club could be formally penalised
- Being asked to leave the Club

**Club / Coach / Team Manager / Club Officials**

**Will:**
- Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators
- Respect and adhere to the Laws of the Game
- Display and promote high standards of behaviour
- Always respect the match officials decisions
- 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
- Never make comments on any social network which are personal in nature, or could be construed as offensive, use foul language or contain direct or indirect threats aimed at other participants

**When working with players, I will:**
- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning
- Explain exactly what I/we expect of players and what they can expect from me/us
- Ensure the parent/carers of all players under the age of 18 understand these expectations
- Refrain from, and refuse to tolerate any form of bullying
- 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
- Ensure all activities I organise are appropriate for the players ability level, experience, age and maturity
- Co-operate fully with others in football (e.g. officials, doctors, physiotherapists, welfare officers) for each player’s best interests
- Never swear at or abuse a player, referee, spectator or club official
- Not use inappropriate coaching/training methods, such as pushing young players too hard

**If I break the code, the following action can be taken:**
- Reported by the referee at the end of the game
- Attending an FA workshop (e.g. on the Laws of the Game, Safeguarding Children or Equality)
- Taking an FA coaching qualification
- Serving a suspension
- Paying a fine
- Being asked to leave the Club
- My club could also be formally penalised
- Having my registration revoked by the league

Please note that whilst the Club does everything in its power to provide a safe environment for the players, it must be recognised that football is a contact sport and consequently, Alphington Youth Football Club cannot be held responsible for any injuries caused by any player in the course of playing or training.

Alphington Youth Football Club cannot accept any liability for loss or damage of any player's personal equipment or belongings when training or representing the Club.

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