PARENTS’ CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Do not force an unwilling child to participate in football.

2. Remember, children are involved in football for their enjoyment, not yours.

3. Encourage your child to play to the Laws of the Game and learn from, rather than argue with, the Referee and other officials.

4. Teach your child that honest effort is more important than victory so that the result of each game is acceptable without undue disappointment.

5. Turn losing into winning by helping your child work towards skills improvement and good sportsmanship. Never ridicule or yell at your child for making a mistake or losing a game.

6. Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good play by your team and the members of the opposing team.

7. Do not question the Referee’s judgement and never his honesty. Remember he is only human with all the same feelings as you, and like you sometimes makes an honest error.

8. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children’s football.

9. Recognise the value and importance of coaches who are all volunteers. They give their time and resources, usually free, to provide football for your child.

10. Read the Laws of the Game to better understand what you are looking at and commenting on.

11. Under no circumstances will parents enter the confines of the playing space without direct invitation to do so from the referee.

12. All parents are responsible for their dogs; they need to be kept on a lead and any mess picked up. They must also be kept away off of training and match areas when in use.

SPECTATORS’ CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Remember that children play organised sports for their own enjoyment. They are not there to entertain you.

2. Be on your best behavior. Do not use profane language or harass, physically or verbally, players, managers, coaches, referees or assistant referees.

3. Applaud good play by your team and the members of the opposing team.

4. Show respect for your team’s opponents. Without them there would be no game.

5. Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake during a game.

6. Condemn the use of violence and verbal abuse.

7. Respect the referee and assistant referee's decisions. Remember they are only human with all the same feelings as you and, like you, sometimes make an honest error.

8. Encourage players always to play according to the Laws of the Game.

9. Read the Laws of the Game to better understand what you are looking at and commenting on.

10. Under no circumstances will any spectator enter the confines of the playing space without direct invitation to do so from the referee.

11. All spectators are responsible for their dogs; they need to be kept on a lead and any mess picked up. They must also be kept away off training and match areas when in use.