



Abingdon United Football Club

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Code of Behaviour and Conduct for Managers, Coaches and Club Officials

This code is designed to:

- Provide guidance for managers, coaches and club officials involved in any activity sanctioned, staged by, or held under the auspices of Abingdon United Football Club including, but not exclusively, matches and training sessions.
- Promote high standards of behaviour in the game of football, reflective of appropriate non-violent and non-abusive community standards of acceptable behaviour.
- Contribute to the retention of match officials by reducing abuse and intimidation, both on and off the field of play
- Promote a respectful and non-violent sporting culture.
- Assist coaches in their understanding of responsibilities, coaching all levels of football.
- Improve the overall fitness and health of Abingdon's youth by encouraging participation in football and making it attractive, safe, and enjoyable for all to participate.
- Make adults, including parents and coaches aware that young players play football to satisfy themselves and not necessarily to satisfy adults or members of their peer group.
- Create a culture of inclusivity for players, members, and spectators.
- Ensure Abingdon United is seen as a family club by all in the community

As a coach, manager, or club official, I will:

- Uphold the playing values of Abingdon United Football Club.
- Adhere to and comply with the Football Association (FA) Code of Conduct.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of gender, ability, and cultural background.
- Never use violent or abusive behaviour, whether it is against spectators, team officials (i.e., coaches and managers), match officials or players
- By registering as a coach / manager for Abingdon United Football club, I have agreed to abide by this code of conduct.
- Encourage participation and community spirit



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- Gain the appropriate qualifications and coaching certificates to aid in player training and development
- Hold a suitable Disclosure Behaviour Check (DBS) at the football club
- Be professional and accept responsibility for my actions and encourage players to demonstrate the same qualities.
- Make a commitment to the team, the club and myself that I will continue to improve my knowledge of the game through education, coaching and various training programmes.
- Be aware of any form of abuse directed towards younger players from any sources whilst in my care and report this to the club welfare officer.
- Ensure my equipment, training and facilities meet appropriate safety standards
- Ensure that I prioritise the welfare of my players at matches and in training, showing caution and concern towards injured and sick players, allowing further participation only when it is safe to do so.
- Refrain from arguing with match officials regarding decisions they make.
- Never consent to or encourage the use of any banned substances or drugs within the competitive or training environment.
- Accept the role of leader and lead from the front by demonstrating high levels of behaviour and integrity

In addition, for Dissent to officials resulting in a sin bin, yellow or red card, I understand that the following actions* will be taken by the club in addition to Hellenic League or FA actions:

- 1st offence - £40 personal fine or 100% of match expenses.
- 2nd offence - £75 personal fine plus 3 game suspension
- 3rd offence – £100 personal fine, dismissed and banned from the club.

****Nb: It should be noted that an internal club board reserves the right to review all dissent charges and implement any or all the above sanctions should the severity of the offence require.***



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FA CODE OF CONDUCT

COACHES, TEAM MANAGERS AND CLUB OFFICIALS

We all bear a collective responsibility to set a good example and help provide a positive environment in which children can learn and enjoy the game. Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct at all times.

ON AND OFF THE FIELD, I WILL:

- Use my position to set a positive example for the young people I am responsible for
- Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators
- Adhere to the laws and spirit of the game
- Promote Fair Play and high standards of behaviour
- Respect the match official's decision
- Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Be gracious in victory and defeat.

WHEN WORKING WITH PLAYERS, I WILL:

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning
- Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying
- Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance
- Ensure all activities I organise are appropriate for the players' ability level, age and maturity
- Co-operate fully with others in football (e.g. officials, doctors, physiotherapists, welfare officers) for each player's best interests.

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

I MAY BE:

- Required to meet with the club, league or County Welfare Officer
- Suspended by the club from attending matches
- Suspended or fined by the County FA
- Required to leave or be sacked by the club.

IN ADDITION:

- My FA Coaching Licence may be withdrawn.