



Abingdon United Football Club

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## Code of Behaviour and Conduct for Senior Players registered with the club (+16 years)

This code is designed to:

- Provide guidance for players 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 in Abingdon United being seen as inclusive and welcoming place for all in the community.

As a senior player I will:

- Uphold the playing values of Abingdon United Football Club.
- Adhere to and comply with the Football Association (FA) Code of Conduct.
- Inform the captain, coach, or manager if I do not agree with a decision – I will not engage directly with any official.
- 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 for Abingdon United Football club, I have agreed to abide by this code of conduct
- Represent the club in a positive light on and off the pitch

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:

- 1<sup>st</sup> offence - a £25 personal fine or 50% of match expenses.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> offence - a £40 personal fine or 100% of match expenses, plus 1 game suspension.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> offence - up to £75 personal fine, 100% of match expenses, plus 3 game suspension
- 4<sup>th</sup> offence - £100 personal fine, dismissed and required to leave the club & 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

## **ADULT PLAYERS**

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game. Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for players at all times.

### **ON AND OFF THE FIELD, I WILL:**

- Adhere to the Laws of The Game
- Display and promote high standards of behaviour
- Promote Fair Play
- Always respect the match official decisions
- Never engage in public criticism of the match officials
- Never engage in offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Never engage in bullying, intimidation or harassment
- Speak to my team-mates, the opposition and my coach/manager with respect
- Remember we all make mistakes
- Win or lose with dignity. Shake hands with the opposing team and the referee at the end of every game.

**I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken:**

### **I MAY:**

- Be required to apologise to team-mates, the other team, referee or team manager
- Receive a warning from the coach
- Receive a written warning from the club committee
- Be required to attend an FA education course
- Be dropped or substituted
- Be suspended from training
- Not be selected for the team
- Be required to serve a suspension
- Be fined
- Be required to leave the club.

### **IN ADDITION:**

- The FA/County FA could impose a fine and/or suspension on the club.