



EAST GRINSTEAD MEADS FOOTBALL CLUB

A Code of Conduct for Football

Football is our national game. All those involved with the game at every level, whether as a player, match official, coach, owner or administrator, have a responsibility, above and beyond compliance with the law, to act according to the highest standards of integrity and to ensure that the reputation of the game is and remains, high.

This code applies to all those involved in football under the guidance of The Football Association.

Community

Football at all levels is a vital part of a community. The football authorities will take into account community feeling when making decisions.

Equality

Football is opposed to discrimination in any form and will promote measures to prevent it from being expressed. Football must be available to all.

Participants

Football recognises the sense of ownership felt by those who participate at all levels of the game. This includes those who play, those who coach or help in any way, and those who officiate, as well as administrators and supporters. Football is committed to appropriate consultation.

Young People

Football acknowledges the extent of its influence over young people and pledges to set a positive example.

Propriety

Football acknowledges that public confidence demands the highest standards of financial and administrative behaviour within the game and will not tolerate corruption or improper practices.

Trust and Respect

Football will uphold a relationship of trust and respect between all involved in the game, whether they are individuals, clubs or other organisations.

Violence

Football rejects the use of violence of any nature by anyone involved in the game.

Fairness

Football is committed to fairness in its dealings with all involved in the game.

Integrity and Fair Play

Football is committed to the principle of playing to win consistent with Fair Play.

By reading this code I agree to be bound by it.



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Code of Conduct for Coaches

Coaches are key to the establishment of ethics in football. Their concept of ethics and their attitude directly affects the behaviour of players under their supervision. Coaches are, therefore expected to pay particular care to the moral aspect of their conduct and use their position to set a positive example for the young people they are responsible for.

Coaches must be aware that almost all of their everyday decisions and choices of actions, as well as strategic targets, have ethical implications. It is natural that winning constitutes a basic concern for coaches and this code is not intended to conflict with that. However, the code calls for coaches to disassociate themselves from a “win-at-all-costs” attitude.

Increased responsibility is requested from coaches involved in coaching young people. The health, safety, welfare and moral education of young people are a priority, set before the achievement or the reputation of the club, school, coach or parent.

Set out below is East Grinstead Meads FC's Code of conduct for coaches. This closely follows The F.A. Coaches Association Code of Conduct, which forms the benchmark for all those involved in coaching:

1. Coaches must respect the rights, dignity and worth of each and every person and treat each equally within the context of the sport. This includes, including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators
2. Coaches must place the well-being and safety of each player above all other considerations, including the development of performance or winning.
3. Coaches must adhere to the laws and spirit of the game as laid down by governing bodies.
4. Coaches must develop an appropriate working relationship with each player based on mutual trust and respect.
5. Coaches must not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward.
6. Coaches must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
7. Coaches must ensure that the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players.
8. Coaches should, at the outset, clarify with the players (and, where appropriate, parent) exactly what is expected of them and also what they are entitled to expect from their coach.
9. Coaches must co-operate fully with other specialists (e.g. other coaches, officials, sports scientists, doctors, physiotherapists) in the best interests of the player.
10. Coaches must always promote fair play and high standards of behaviour and never condone violations of the Laws of the Game, behaviour contrary to the spirit of the Laws of the Game or relevant rules and regulations or the use of prohibited substances or techniques.
11. Coaches must consistently display high standards of behaviour and appearance.
12. Coaches must never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.

13. Coaches must never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying.
14. Coaches must never enter the field of play without the referee's permission
15. Coaches will be gracious in victory and defeat.

I understand that as a coach 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.



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Code of Conduct for Players

Players are the most important people in the sport. Playing for the team and winning, is the most fundamental part of the game. But not winning at any cost – Fair Play and respect for all others in the game is paramount.

Set out below is East Grinstead Meads FC's Code of conduct for players.

Obligations towards the game

As a player, I will

1. Make every effort to develop my own ability, in terms of skill, technique, tactics and stamina.
2. Give maximum effort at all times, always play to the best of my ability and for the benefit of my team.
3. Set a good example in attitude and behaviour for others, particularly younger players and supporters.
4. Avoid all forms of gamesmanship and play fairly – I won't cheat, dive, complain or waste time
5. Always have regard for the best interests of the game, including all participants.
6. Not use inappropriate language.

Obligations towards one's own team

As a player, I will

1. Make every effort consistent with Fair Play and the Laws of the Game to help the team win.
2. Resist any influence that might be seen to bring into question my commitment to the team winning.
3. Talk to someone I trust or the club welfare officer if I'm unhappy about anything at my club.

Respect for the Laws of the Game and competition rules

As a player, I will

1. Know and abide by the Laws, rules and spirit of the game, and / or competition.
2. Accept success and failure, victory and defeat, equally.
3. Resist any temptation to use unlawful techniques.

Respect towards Opponents

As a player, I will

1. Show due respect towards the Team Officials and players of the opposition. at all times, irrespective of the match result.
2. Safeguard the wellbeing of your opponents, avoid violence and rough play, and help all injured players.
3. Be gracious in victory and defeat – I will shake hands with the other team at the end of the game

Respect towards the Match Officials

As a player, I will

1. Accept the decision of the Match Official without protest.
2. Avoid words or actions that may mislead a Match Official.
3. Show respect towards Match Officials.
4. Be gracious in victory and defeat – I will shake hands with the referee at the end of the game

Respect towards Team Officials

As a player, I will

1. Listen and respond to what my coach/team manager tells me
2. Abide by the instructions of their Coach and Team Officials, provided they do not contradict the spirit of this Code.
3. Understand that a coach must do what is best for the team and not an individual player

Obligations towards the Supporters

As a player, I will

1. Show due respect to the interests of both sets of supporters.

As a player, 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 apologise to my team-mates, the other team, referee 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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Code of Conduct for Team Officials

This Code applies to all team / club officials (although some items may not apply to all officials).

Obligations towards the Game

The team official will

1. Set a positive example for others, particularly young players and supporters.
2. Promote and develop his own team having regard to the interest of the Players, Supporters and reputation of the national game.
3. Share knowledge and experience when invited to do so, taking into account the interest of the body that has requested this rather than personal interests.
4. Avoid all forms of gamesmanship.
5. Show due respect to Match Officials and others involved in the game.
6. Always have regard for the best interests of the game, including where publicly expressing an opinion of the game and any particular aspect of it, including others involved in the game.
7. Not use or tolerate inappropriate language.

Obligations towards the Team

The team official will

1. Make every effort to develop the sporting, technical and tactical levels of the club/team and to obtain the best results for the team, using all permitted and fair means.
2. Give priority to the interests of the team over individual interests.
3. Resist all illegal or unsporting influences, including banned substances and techniques.
4. Promote ethical principles.
5. Show due respect for the interests of the players, coaches and officials, their own club/team and others.

Obligations towards the Supporters

The team official will

1. Show due respect for the interests of supporters.

Respect towards the Match Officials

A team official will

1. Accept the decisions of the Match Official without protest.
2. Avoid words or actions that may mislead a Match Official.
3. Show due respect towards Match Officials.



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Code of Conduct for Parents / Spectators

Parents / Spectators have a massive influence on children's enjoyment and success in football. All children play football because they enjoy the game and because it is **fun**. It is vital to remember this.

However good a child becomes at football within East Grinstead Meads FC, it is also important to reinforce the message to parents / spectators that their positive encouragement is needed to contribute to:

- Children enjoying football.
- Children developing a sense of personal achievement.
- Children developing and improving their self-esteem.
- Children improving their skills and techniques.

A parent's / spectator's expectations and attitudes also have a significant bearing on a child's attitude towards:

- Other players.
- Officials.
- Managers.
- Spectators.

Set out below is East Grinstead Meads FC's Code of conduct for supporters, spectators and parents.

As a spectator, supporter or parent I will:

1. Always be positive and encouraging towards all children not just my/our own.
2. Applaud the opposition as well as your own team.
3. Respect the referee's decision.
4. Respect and support the Coaches actions and decisions.
5. Give attention to each of the children involved in football not just the most talented.
6. Give encouragement to everyone to participate in football.
7. Applaud effort and good play as well as success.
8. Avoid coaching the child during the game. Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do.
9. Never engage in, or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.
10. Remain behind the touchline and within the designated spectators' area
11. Adhere to East Grinstead Meads FC's Code of Conduct and Child Protection Policy.

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

I MAY BE:

- Issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official

- Required to meet with the club, league or CFA 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
- 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.