



Spennymoor Town Youth Academy

Code of Conduct for spectators and parents/carers

Parents/carers/spectators have a great influence on children's enjoyment and success in football. All children play football because first and foremost they love the game – it's fun. It is important to remember that however good a child becomes at football within Spennymoor Town Youth Academy it is important to reinforce the message to parents/carers/spectators that positive encouragement will contribute to:

- Children enjoying football.
- A sense of personal achievement.
- Self-esteem.
- Assist to improve the child's skills and techniques.

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

This club is supporting The FA's Respect programme to ensure football can be enjoyed in a safe, positive environment.

Remember children's football is a time for them to develop their technical, physical, tactical and social skills.

Winning isn't everything.

I will:

- Remember that children play for FUN.
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success.
- Always respect the match officials' decisions.
- Remain outside the field of play and within the Designated Spectators' Area (where provided).
- Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do.
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials.
- Avoid criticising a player for making a mistake – mistakes are part of learning.
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language.
- Never engage in, or threaten, violent behaviour during or after matches.

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

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.

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Parents Code of Conduct Acknowledgement. Please sign, detach and return to Team Manager /Secretary

Parents Signature:

Date: