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SOUTHSIDE FOOTBALL CLUB

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Southside Football Club

Code of Conduct

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Code of Conduct for Football

Football is the national game. All those involved with the game at every level and whether 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 auspices of The Football Association.

Community

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

Equality

Football is opposed to discrimination of any form and will promote measures to prevent it, in whatever form, from being expressed.

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.

Code of Conduct for Managers/Coaches

Managers/Coaches are key to the establishment of ethics in football. Their concept of ethics is their attitude directly affects the behaviour of players under their supervision. Managers/Coaches are, therefore, expected to pay particular care to the moral aspect of their conduct.

Managers/Coaches have to 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 Managers/Coaches. This code is not intended to conflict with that. However, the code calls for Managers/Coaches to disassociate themselves from a “win-at-all-costs” attitude.

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

Set out below is The F.A. Coaches Association Code of Conduct (which reflects the standards expressed by the National Coaching Foundation and the National Association of Sports Managers/Coaches) which forms the benchmark for all involved in coaching. Managers/Coaches must:

1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of each and every person and treat each equally within the context of the sport.
2. Place the well being and safety of each player above all other considerations, including the development of performance.
3. Adhere to all guidelines laid down by governing bodies.
4. Develop an appropriate working relationship with each player based on mutual trust and respect.
5. Not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward.
6. Encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
7. Ensure that the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players.
8. At the outset, clarify with the players (and, where appropriate, parent) exactly what is expected of them and also what they, **as players**, are entitled to expect from their coach.
9. Co-operate fully with other specialists (e.g. other Managers/Coaches, officials, sports scientists, doctors, physiotherapists) in the best interests of the player.
10. Always promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play) 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. Consistently display high standards of behaviour and appearance.
12. Not use or tolerate inappropriate language.

Code of Conduct for Players

Players are the most important people in the sport. Playing for the team, and for the team to win, 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 fundamentally important.

This Code focuses on players involved in top-class football. Nevertheless, the key concepts in the Code are valid for players at all levels.

Obligations towards the game

A player should

1. Make every effort to develop their own sporting abilities, in terms of skill, technique, tactics and stamina.
2. Give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during a game, even if his/her team is in a position where the desired result has already been achieved.
3. Set a positive example for others, particularly young players and supporters.
4. Avoid all forms of gamesmanship and time wasting.
5. Always have regard for the best interests of the game, including where publicly expressing an opinion on the game and any particular aspect of it, including others involved in the game.
6. Not use inappropriate language.

Obligations towards one's own team

A player should

1. Make every effort consistent with Fair Play and the Laws of the Game to help his/her own team win.
 - 1a. If any player receives two yellow cards up to Dec 31st of the season or from 1st Jan to the end of the season; they may be subject to disciplinary action from the committee, the minimum being one match ban to be taken within three weeks from the committee's decision. Both the player and the respective manager will be notified of the committee's decision. If any player receives a red card in the same time periods as stated above, the same may apply with a minimum of a two match ban being enforced to be taken no longer than four weeks from the committee's decision. The team concerned may still be subjected to a fine as requested from the Gloucestershire Football Association.
2. Resist any influence which might, or might be seen to, bring into question his/her commitment to the team winning.

Respect for the Laws of the Game and competition rules

A player should

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

Respect towards Opponents

A player should

1. Treat opponents with due respect at all times, irrespective of the result of the game.
2. Safeguard the physical fitness of opponents, avoid violence and rough play, and help injured opponents.

Respect towards the Match Officials

A player should

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

Respect towards Team Officials

A player should

1. Abide by the instructions of their Coach and Team Officials, provided they do not contradict the spirit of this Code.
2. Show due respect towards the Team Officials of the opposition.

Obligations towards the Supporters

A player should:

1. Show due respect to the interests of supporters.

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 should

1. Set a positive example for others, particularly young players and supporters.
2. Promote and develop his/her 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 should

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 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, Managers/Coaches and officials, their own club/team and others.

Obligations towards the Supporters

The team official should

1. Show due respect for the interests of supporters.

Respect towards the Match Officials

A team official should

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

Code of Conduct for Parents/Carers/Spectators

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

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

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

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

Ensure that parents/carers/spectators within your club are always positive and encouraging towards all of the children not just their own.

Encourage parents/carers/spectators to:

- Applaud the opposition as well as your own team.
- Avoid coaching the child during the game.
- Not shout and scream.
- Respect the coach's decisions.
- Respect the referee's decision.
- Give attention to each of the children involved in football not just the most talented.
- Give encouragement to everyone to participate in football.

Ensure that parents/carers/spectators understand that it is their responsibility to arrange safe travel to and from pick-up points. They must also make every effort to contact the team officials if they are delayed in collecting their child from an agreed pick-up point.

Ensure that parents/carers/spectators within your club agree and adhere to your club's Code of Conduct, Child Protection Policy and Equality Policy.

Use of website, local press, photos and videos to celebrate success of Southside FC

The Southside FC website (www.southsidefc.co.uk) has been constructed as an information source to promote and support Southside Football Club and to give players whatever age group a sense of pride in their club.

From time to time Southside FC wish to publish club/team news that may include photographs **or** reports with names on the website or in the local press. The reports will focus on the activity rather than individuals. Images may be of individuals or a team shot, the reports will contain the name and team. It is Southside FC's policy that a photo will not be accompanied by an individual's name.

Prior to publishing any news there is a requirement to check if parents/carers have given consent (on the Parental Consent section of the 'Player and Parent Membership and Consent Form') for the player's name or image to be used. This consent allows names and/or images to be used separately it does not give consent to use the two together. If circumstances arise when it is considered that it would be appropriate to use image and name together such as a special award or presentation then further consent will be required from the parent/carer as this goes against Southside FC's policy.

If consent is not given then the wishes of the parents/carers will be respected and the news will not be published.

Goalpost Safety

The Football Association, along with the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, the Health and Safety Executive and the British Standards Institute, would like to draw your attention to the following guidelines for the safe use of goalposts.

Too many serious injuries and fatalities have occurred in recent years as a result of unsafe or incorrect use of goalposts. Safety is always of paramount importance and everyone in football must play their part to prevent similar incidents occurring in the future

1. For safety reasons goalposts of any size (including those which are portable and not installed permanently at a pitch or practice field) must always be anchored securely to the ground;

- Portable goalposts must be secured as per the manufacturer's instructions;
- Under no circumstances should children or adults be allowed to climb on, swing or play with the structure of the goalposts;
- Particular attention is drawn to the fact that if not properly assembled and secured, portable goalposts may overturn; and
- Regular inspections of goalposts must be carried out to check that they are properly maintained.

2. Portable goalposts should not be left in place after use. They should be dismantled and removed to a place of secure storage.

3. The use of [metal cup hooks](#) on goals is now banned from the commencement of the 2007/08 season and match officials have been instructed not to commence matches where such net fixings are evident for safety reasons. Nets should only be secured by plastic hooks, net grips or tape and not by metal cup hooks. Any metal cup hooks should have been removed and replaced. New goalposts should not be purchased if they include metal cup hooks.

4. Goalposts which are "home made" or which have been altered from their original size or construction should not be used. These have been the cause of a number of deaths and injuries.

5. There is no BS/CEN standard for wooden goals and it is unlikely that wooden goals will pass a load or stability test. The FA recommends that wooden goals should be replaced when necessary with compliant metal, aluminum or plastic goalposts. All wooden goals previously tested by independent consultants have failed strength and stability tests.

For reference, you should note that The FA and BSI, in conjunction with the industry, have developed two standards for goalposts – BSEN 748 (1998) and BS 8462 (2005). It is strongly recommended that you ensure that all goals purchased comply with the relevant standard. A Code of Practice BS 8461 has also been completed and copies of all of these three standards are available from the British Standards Institute.

REMEMBER TO USE GOALPOSTS SAFELY AT ALL TIMES