



Parent Code of Conduct

As parents and guardians of players in NESS Academy, we play a crucial role in fostering a positive and supportive environment for our children and their teammates. By adhering to the following code of conduct, we aim to promote sportsmanship, respect, and enjoyment for all involved:

1. **Supportive Behaviour:** We will support our children and their teammates in a positive and encouraging manner. We will refrain from any behaviour that may undermine their confidence or enjoyment of the game, including negative comments or criticism.
2. **Respect for Everyone:** We will treat all players, coaches, officials, and fellow parents with respect and courtesy. We will demonstrate good sportsmanship by applauding good play from both teams and refraining from any negative comments or actions towards our own participants, their opponents, officials, or any spectators.
3. **Trust in Coaches:** We will trust the judgment and decisions of the coaches and refrain from attempting to coach or instruct players from the sidelines during games or practices. We understand that coaches have the best interests of the team and players at heart.
4. **Communication:** We will communicate openly and respectfully with coaches, fellow parents, and club officials. If we have any concerns or questions, we will address them directly with the appropriate individuals in a constructive manner and at an appropriate time.
5. **Respect for Facilities:** We will respect the facilities where games and practices take place, including pitch-side facilities, pitches, fields, changing rooms, and seating areas. We will clean up after ourselves and our children and ensure that the facilities are left in good condition for others to use.
6. **Safety First:** We will prioritise the safety and well-being of all participants. We will ensure that our children are properly equipped and dressed for practices and games, including wearing appropriate protective gear and items of clothing suitable to the weather conditions. We will follow all safety guidelines and protocols established by the Academy, support staff and coaching staff.
7. **Attendance and Punctuality:** We will ensure that our children attend practices and games regularly and arrive on time. We understand that consistent attendance and punctuality are essential for the development of individual players and the success of the group as a whole however in unforeseen circumstances, to the relay through clear communication their absence or their delay in attendance at the session.
8. **Respect for Officials:** We will respect the decisions of the officials and coaches, even if we disagree with them. We understand that they are human and may make mistakes, but we will refrain from questioning their judgment or integrity during sessions or games.
9. **Role Modelling:** We will lead by example and demonstrate the values of sportsmanship, integrity, and respect in our own behaviour. We understand that our actions reflect not only on ourselves but also on our children and the Academy as a whole.
10. **Enjoyment of the Game:** Above all, we will encourage our children to have fun and enjoy playing football. We will celebrate their achievements, big and small, and emphasise the importance of teamwork, effort, and good sportsmanship over winning at all costs.

By adhering to this code of conduct, we commit to creating a positive and supportive environment where our children can develop their skills, build friendships, and experience the joy of development by playing football.