



PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

As a valued member of NESS Academy, I commit to upholding the following code of conduct to create and maintain a positive and respectful environment for all members, coaches, support staff, officials, spectators, parents and guardians involved:

1. **Respect:** I will treat everyone involved within the Academy with respect, including all other NESS Members, visiting opponents, coaches, referees, parents/ guardians and spectators. I will refrain from using disrespectful language or behaviour, and I will demonstrate good manners and sportsmanship at all times.
2. **Sportsmanship:** I will uphold the values of sportsmanship, both on and off the field. I will acknowledge others on their successes and accept defeat graciously. I will never engage in unsportsmanlike conduct, such as taunting, arguing or bullying in any context or format with other NESS Members, NESS staff, visiting opponents, coaches, referees, parents/ guardians and spectators.
3. **Fair Play:** I will play by the rules of the game and respect the decisions of the coaches or officials, even if I disagree with them. I will compete fairly and honestly, without resorting to cheating, diving, or other forms of unfair play.
4. **Discipline:** I will maintain discipline both on and off the field. I will follow the instructions of my coaches and adhere to team rules and guidelines. I will refrain from engaging in any behaviour that may harm the reputation of myself or NESS Academy.
5. **Responsibility:** I will take responsibility for my actions and their consequences. I will attend sessions and arranged games punctually and give my best effort in every training session through listening, learning and engaging within the activities however I will notify the Academy Admin Team if unable to attend or have been delayed on arrival. I will respect all team equipment and facilities, as well as the property of others.
6. **Support:** I will support and encourage other NESS Members, both on and off the field. I will celebrate their successes and provide encouragement during times of difficulty. I will contribute positively to our team culture and foster a sense of unity and camaraderie.
7. **Integrity:** I will uphold the highest standards of integrity in all my interactions. I will be honest and truthful, both with other NESS Members, Staff and with myself. I will represent NESS Academy with dignity at all times.
8. **Safety:** I will prioritise the safety and well-being of myself and others. I will follow all safety guidelines and protocols established by my coaches and NESS Staff to minimise the risk of injury.
9. **Communication:** I will communicate openly and respectfully with my coaches, teammates, and parents/ guardians. I will address any concerns or conflicts in a constructive manner with NESS Staff and coaches to help identify, address and resolve the issue.
10. **Enjoyment:** I will remember that football is a game meant to be enjoyed by all. I will have fun, make memories, and appreciate the opportunity to represent myself at the highest standard whilst attending NESS Academy on and off the field.

By adhering to this Player code of conduct and additional codes of conduct highlighted within the 2025 NESS Academy Child Protection and Welfare Policy, I pledge to adhere to and uphold the values of respect, sportsmanship, and integrity that are central to NESS Academy values.