



Brentwood Youth AFC

PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

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This code applies to all those involved in football under the auspices of Brentwood Youth AFC, Brentwood Girls AFC and The Football Association.

This code of conduct is based on the FA Respect Code of conduct. Parents and spectators are reminded that children love football because it is **fun**; when the fun stops so does enthusiasm for the game. The behaviour of parents and spectators has a great influence on the children's enjoyment, attitude and success in football.

Code of Conduct for Parents

1. Parents/spectators **should** applaud the opposition as well as their own team.
2. Parents/spectators **should avoid** coaching the children during the game. Let the coach do their job and avoid confusing the players.
3. Parents/spectators **should not** use racist, sexist, abusive or any other forms of inappropriate language.
4. Parents/spectators **should** accept any decisions by the referee or match officials without argument.
5. Parents/spectators **should** encourage players to treat team mates, opponents, officials and coaches and supporters of both teams with respect.
6. Parents/spectators **should** encourage and praise all players not just the most talented. Applaud effort and good play as well as success.
7. Parents/spectators **should** give positive encouragement to build the players confidence and self-esteem, so they enjoy football.
8. Parents/spectators **should avoid** negative criticism; the children are usually trying their best and anyone can make a mistake, they're part of learning.
9. Parents/spectators **should** be aware that these respect rules also apply to online forums and social media.
10. Parents/spectators **must** remain behind the Respect Barrier or in the Designated Spectator Area during games.
11. Parents/spectators **should** respect their surroundings, avoid littering and damage to facilities and equipment. Report any safety issues.
12. Parents who have issues to discuss with coaches / managers **should** arrange a suitable time and place with the managers- avoiding match days
13. Parents are responsible for their child and should **ensure** that they arrive in a safe and timely manner for both training and matches and are collected in the same way

14. Parents **should** make themselves aware of any relevant restrictions/ access/ parking rules of the playing/training venue they are attending

Breaches of the code of conduct will lead to warnings, a request not to attend training/games in future and could lead to your child being expelled from the club. In addition, the County FA could impose a fine or suspension on the team.

Brentwood Youth AFC have a policy that children play for the club and not the team. Furthermore, the club believe it is important for player's development that they play for and against teams with similar ability levels to the player. Players therefore may be asked to move between teams to facilitate this.