



Brentwood Youth AFC

PLAYERS 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. Whilst winning is an important part of the game, respecting the opposition, match officials and coaches is equally as important.

Code of Conduct for Players

1. A player **should** strive to improve their own abilities, techniques and stamina.
2. A player **should** know the laws of the game and attempt to play to the laws.
3. A player **should** set a good example to their own team mates and to the opposition.
4. A player **should** always try their hardest during a game even when the game is seemingly won or lost.
5. A player **should** make every effort to win within the rules of the game and Fair Play, avoiding gamesmanship, time-wasting and any form of cheating.
6. A player **should not** use racist, sexist, abusive or any other forms of inappropriate language.
7. A player **should never** act in a violent, offensive, intimidating, harassing or bullying way at any time.
8. A player should treat team mates, opponents, officials and coaches and supporters of both teams with respect at all times.
9. A player **should** accept any decisions by the referee or match officials without argument.
10. A player **should not** attempt to deceive or mislead the referee or match officials.
11. A player **should** listen and respond to what their coach tells them and know the coach makes decisions for the best of the team not individual players.
12. A player **should** be aware that these respect rules also apply to online forums and social media.
13. A player **should** respect their surroundings, avoid littering and damage to facilities and equipment. Report any issues that could affect safety.
14. A player **should** talk to their coach or the club welfare officer if you are unhappy with anything at the club or know of another player that is unhappy.

Breaches of the code of conduct will lead to warnings and eventually could lead to the player being expelled from the club.

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.