

## CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Parents/Guardians have a great influence on children's enjoyment and success in football. 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, positive encouragement will contribute to:

- your child enjoying football
- a sense of personal achievement
- self-esteem
- improving the child's skills and techniques
- Exhibit good sportsmanship at all times, never condone violations of the laws of the game or exhibit behaviour contrary to the spirit of the laws of the game
- Remember that children should be playing football primarily for their own enjoyment. Do not put pressure on the children
- Place the well-being and safety of each player above all other considerations
- Encourage your child, and others, or be quiet. Praise effort and performance, not results
- Parents must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behavior and performance
- Stand well back while watching training sessions or stay behind any barriers or lines that are designated for that purpose
- No offensive, abusive or insulting remarks shall be made toward any player, official, or parent
- Parents must develop an appropriate supportive relationship with both the coach and their child based on mutual trust and respect
- Parents should seek clarification of exactly what is expected of them and what they are entitled to expect from the coach
- Discuss any concerns about training with the coach in private
- Ensure that your child arrives for training on time
- Inform the coach if there has been a change in your child's medical condition
- Ensure that suitable kit is worn by your child
- Respect the clubs equipment and training facilities
- Pay subscriptions on time