



## Code of Conduct for Players of Youth Football

Players are the most important people in the sport. Playing for the team, and for the team to win, is the most fundamental part of the game, but not winning at any cost.

**Fair Play and respect for all others in the game is fundamentally important.** This Code focuses on players involved in football at all levels.

### Obligations towards the game

#### ***A player should***

1. Make every effort to develop their own sporting abilities, in terms of skill, technique, tactics and stamina.
2. Give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during a game, even if the team is in a position where the desired result has already been achieved.
3. Set a positive example for others, particularly young players and supporters.
4. Avoid all forms of bad gamesmanship and time wasting.
5. Always have regard for the best interests of the game, including where publicly expressing an opinion on the game and any aspect of it, including others involved in the game.
6. Not use inappropriate language.

### Obligations towards one's own team

#### ***A player should***

1. Make every effort consistent with Fair Play and the Laws of the Game to help his or her own team win.
2. Resist any influence which might, or might be seen to, bring into question his or her commitment to the team winning.

### Respect for the Laws of the Game and competition rules

#### ***A player should***

1. Know and abide by the laws, rules and spirit of the game, and the competition rules.
2. Accept success and failure, victory and defeat, equally.
3. Resist any temptation to take banned substances or use banned techniques.

### Respect towards Opponents

#### ***A player should***

1. Treat opponents with due respect at all times, irrespective of the result of the game.
2. Safeguard the physical fitness of opponents, avoid violence and rough play, and help injured opponents.



## **Respect towards the Match Officials**

### ***A player should***

1. Accept the decision of the Match Official without protest.
2. Avoid words or actions which may mislead a Match Official.
3. Show due respect towards Match Officials.

## **Respect towards Team Officials**

### ***A player should***

1. Abide by the instructions of their Coach and Team Officials, provided they do not contradict the spirit of this Code.
2. Show due respect towards the Team Officials of the opposition.

## **Obligations towards the Supporters**

### ***A player should***

1. Show due respect to the interests of supporters.



## Code of Conduct for Parents and Followers of Youth Football

1. Remember that the aim is for youngsters to enjoy the game.
2. Set a good example to the youngsters.
3. Do **not** use offensive, insulting or abusive language to players, match officials or other spectators.
4. Keep your self-control at all times
5. Do **not** attempt to query a match official's decision during or after a game
6. Always think of other spectators even when you are becoming excited.
7. Recognise skill, enthusiasm and sporting behaviour in both teams.
8. Although you are not playing, remember that you should act in a sporting manner, **as your club will be judged by your behaviour.**
9. Clubs must ensure that parents or the person who signs this declaration fully understands and accepts the conditions therein and is therefore considered to be the member of the club.
10. Parents and followers are also expected to abide by the **FA's RESPECT** campaign a parent's guide of which can be viewed on <http://thefa.com/respectguide/>



## Parent / Player Declaration

In registering as a player for **Long Buckby AFC Juniors**, I agree to abide by the “**Rules of the Club**” and the “**Code of Conduct for Players**” which have been based on the Football Association’s (FA) guidelines.

I also agree to abide by the **FA’s RESPECT** campaign which promotes fair play and respect within the game.

I understand and agree that in breaking Club Rules +/- Codes of Conduct, I may be liable for **fines or disciplinary action** from my manager or the club committee.

**Player Signature** .....

**Date:** ----/----/----

As a parent / guardian of a player registered with **Long Buckby AFC Juniors** I understand and agree to abide by the “**Rules of the Club**” and the “**Code of Conduct for Parent & Followers of Youth Football**” which have been based on the FA Guidelines.

I also agree to abide by the **FA’s RESPECT** campaign which promotes fair play and respect within the game.

I understand and agree that in event of any fine to the club from the FA, as a direct result of my behaviour or the breaching Club Rules +/- Codes of Conduct, I may be liable for **fines or disciplinary action**, by the player’s manager or the club committee.

**Parent Signature** .....

**Date:** ----/----/----

**Enjoy your football & thank you for registering with Long Buckby AFC Juniors**