

St Columba's Junior Football Club

Code of Conduct for Spectators, Parents & Carers

Season 2017/18



Statement

Parents/carers/spectators have a great influence on children's enjoyment and success in football. All children play football because first and foremost they love the game – it is fun. It is important to remember that however good a child becomes at football it is important for us as a Junior Football Club to reinforce the message to parents/carers/spectators that positive encouragement will contribute to:

- Children enjoying football.
- A sense of personal achievement.
- Self-esteem.
- Assisting the development and improvement of the child's skills and techniques.

Code of Conduct

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game. The Club is supporting The FA's Respect programme to ensure football can be enjoyed in a safe, positive environment.

Children's football is a time for them to develop their technical, physical, tactical and social skills. It isn't all about winning.

Please play your part and observe our code of conduct by agreeing to:

- Remember that children play for fun.
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success.
- Always respect the match officials' decisions.
- Remain outside the field of play.
- Let the coach do their job, and not confuse players by telling them what to do.
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials.
- Avoid criticising a player for making a mistake – mistakes are part of learning.
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.

You should understand that if you do not follow this code of conduct, any or all of the following actions may be taken by The Club, League, County FA or The FA. You may be:

- Issued with a verbal warning from a Club or League Official.
- Required to meet with the Club, League or County FA Welfare Officer.
- Required to meet with the Club Committee.
- Obligated to undertake an FA education course.
- Instructed to leave the match venue.
- Requested by the Club not to attend future matches.
- Suspended or have any Club membership removed.
- Required to leave the Club, along with any dependents.

In addition The FA or County FA may impose a fine and/or a suspension on the Club. Please refer to the Club's constitution, available on the website or on request, for further details.