

Club Name:

THE GRASSROOTS CODE FOR YOUTH FOOTBALL

# We’re here to enjoy ourselves…win, lose or draw.

**To help make football more enjoyable for all I should:**

* Remember that football is about enjoyment, not just winning.
* Encourage others and behave well.
* Bring a positive attitude to training and matches.
* Recognise when my team-mates give respect, work together, or try their best.

# We always treat others as we’d like to be treated. To give respect at football I must:

* Always use respectful language and actions.
* Not argue with the referee, coach, and officials, and accept their decisions about football and my behaviour.
* Show fair play by shaking hands with our opponents whether we win, lose or draw.
* Tidy up after myself and take care of the facilities we use.

# We embrace our differences, football is a game for everyone. To be inclusive at football I must:

* Welcome everyone, whoever they are and whatever their background or ability.
* Involve everyone and always be kind.
* Treat everyone fairly and tell a trusted adult if this doesn’t happen.
* Celebrate everyone’s good play, effort and success.

# We’re a team, on and off the pitch. To help us bond as a team I should:

* Encourage my team-mates if they make a mistake.
* Try my best and help my team, by being positive and supportive.
* Play fairly, without cheating, diving, complaining, or wasting time.
* Accept that I may not be able to play in my favourite position all the time, or that I may need to take a break to give someone else playing time.
* Recognise that if I’m the Captain, I need to try hard to set a positive example for others to follow.

# We all have a role in safeguarding children. To help keep everyone safe I must:



* Remember football is about making friends, learning new skills and of course, being active!
* Take responsibility, encourage others, and keep it positive.
* Know that I have a right:
  + To feel safe online and offline.
  + To have healthy relationships with appropriate boundaries.
  + Not to feel uncomfortable or unsafe.
  + Not to be bullied, harassed, or intimidated.
  + Not to be treated unfairly.

# If this doesn’t sound like your football experience, speak to an adult you trust.

**I understand that my Club, League or County FA may take action, that could include:**

If I DON’T

live up to the

Standard

* Giving me a verbal warning.
* Inviting me to a meeting to explain my behaviour.
* Warning me about my behaviour.
* Asking that I complete an FA education course.
* Suspending me, meaning I do not take part in games for a period of time.
* Removing my registration, meaning I can’t play for my team again.
* Fining and/or suspending my Club.

**SIGNED:**

(Ask all team members to sign their name in the box below).

**DATE:**