



BUCKINGHAM FOOTBALL CLUB YOUTH

BFCY - Positive Behaviour “RESPECT” Policy

Everyone involved in a football match has a duty to create the best possible atmosphere for our players to thrive. Poor adult behaviour is one of the main reasons given for young people quitting the game.

Players want to be encouraged and celebrated not shouted at and criticised.

We are very lucky at BFCY to have a pipeline of young referees stepping forward to ensure our matches can happen. Unfortunately, in recent years we have seen an increasing number of these children decide to walk away from refereeing because of a toxic touchline culture.

Our referees are children learning and developing important life skills; I am sure we would all want them to have a positive environment in which to flourish.

It's time we act to protect our young referee's and players.

Before the start of every grassroots football game let's remind our young referees, if there is any abuse to them or the players they can stop play and remove the abuser, or in extreme circumstances abandon the match. Also, remind the linesman (assistant ref's) and our coaches it is their responsibility to support them.

BFCY fully supports the FA's Respect Programme. We want to ensure our club is a place where we can all play, coach, spectate and referee football in a safe and positive environment. **Let them play!**





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Positive behaviour BFCY expects to see:

Coaches, Team Managers and Club officials

- Respecting everyone involved in the game
- Stick to the rules and celebrate the spirit of the game
- Encourage fair play and good behaviour
- Respect & support the Referee and encourage players and spectators to do the same
- Never enter the field of play without the Referee's permission
- Never engage, tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive behaviour
- Be gracious in victory and defeat
- Respect the home and away facilities; individuals will be liable for damage caused
- Never enter the field of play without a ref's permission

Spectators and Parent/Carers

- Have fun, celebrate efforts and good play from both sides
- Respect the Referee and coaches and encourage players to do the same
- Stay behind the touchline and within the designated spectator's area (where provided)
- Let the coach's coach
- Never engage in, or tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive behaviour
- Respect the home and away facilities; individuals will be liable for damage caused
- Please make yourself familiar with safeguarding practices

<https://www.EnglandFootball.com/participate/explore/safeguarding>

Match Officials

- Respect the game and all participants
- Maintain integrity, and approach the game with a positive mindset
- Be knowledgeable and up to date on the law of the game, rules and regulations
- Set a positive personal example and promote good behaviour
- Submit complete and concise reports
- Communicate with the players, throughout the game
- Never engage, tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive behaviour





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Unacceptable behaviours we don't want to see on and off the field

- Offensive, abusive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Bullying, intimidation or harassment
- Physical abuse
- Never enter the field of play
- Standing outside the designated area

The FA Grassroots Codes of conduct can be found here

<https://www.Englandfootball.com/participate/behaviour/The-Grassroots-Code>

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

Any breach of the code of conduct that has been proven, could result in a suspension or ultimately an individual being removed from the club and unable to continue playing, coaching, or spectating for BFCY.

Coaches, Team Managers, Club officials, players and parents/carers sign a code of conduct and must always adhere to this when attending training and home and away matches.

Our club officials have a critical role in establishing high standards of coaching, learning and behaviour. Positive behaviour and self-control are key to creating a happy and effective club environment.

