



SYFA Code of Conduct

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Introduction

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Football is a fantastic game and it gives a great deal of fun and pleasure to players, club officials, parents and spectators alike.

We all have a responsibility to 'Respect Our Game' and follow the laws of the game to allow the game to be played properly, fairly and in a true sporting manner.

The SYFA, members and all involved have a responsibility to promote high standards of behavior by providing a more enjoyable playing environment.

We invite leagues and clubs to promote the codes of conduct to help take a positive step towards improving behaviour on our touchlines and teaching young people to respect their team-mates, opponents, rules, officials, and themselves.

Our Roles and Responsibilities

Club Officials, coaches, parents, spectators, referees, volunteers and players all have a role in developing a positive football culture.

By involving the whole community, we inspire all, to set new standards and have a positive impact on their involvement with young people in football.

Working together we can encourage a cultural shift in football in Scotland to inspire young people to reach their potential in football and life.

We ALL have a responsibility to encourage all club officials, coaches, players, parents and spectators to follow the codes of conduct, to respect our game and deliver a consistent level of respect and sportsmanship for everyone involved in football.

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PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT



PLAYERS' OBLIGATIONS TOWARDS THE GAME:

- players should make every effort to develop their own abilities in terms of skill, technique, tactics and stamina
- they must never criticise any team mate's skills or technique
- 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
- accept success and failure, victory and defeat, equally and always shake hands with the other team and match official at the end of the game
- set a positive example for all others and always have regard to the best interests of the game
- do not use inappropriate language or gestures and resist any temptation to take banned substances or use banned techniques
- make every effort consistent with Fair Play and the Laws of the Game to help your own team win but you must avoid all forms of gamesmanship, and timewasting
- resist any influence which might, or might be seen to, bring into question your commitment to the team winning
- treat opponents with due respect at all times by safeguard the physical fitness of opponents, avoid violence and rough play, and help injured opponents irrespective of the result of the game
- know and abide by the laws, rules and spirit of the game, and the competition rules
- show due #Respect and accept the decisions of the match official without protest
- abide by the instructions of your club officials, provided they do not contradict the spirit of this code
- you must show #Respect towards your club's officials, your opponent's club officials and all supporters
- make sure you know the club's Protection Officer and their full contact details
- talk to the club's Protection Officer or another club official that you trust if you are unhappy about anything at the club

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CLUB OFFICIALS AND COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT



CLUB OFFICIALS AND COACHES OBLIGATIONS TOWARDS THE GAME:

- all club officials and coaches shall be subject to all relevant rules, clauses, paragraphs and sub paragraphs of the SYFA Articles of Association, Supplementary and Playing Rules, Standing Orders, Player Protection Policy, Adults at Risk Protection Policy, Disciplinary Procedures and all related policies and any amendments thereto and any regulations or decisions promulgated by the SYFA Board and regulations or decisions of the Scottish FA shall be binding
- club officials and coaches must place the well-being and safety of each player above all other considerations, including winning. Coaches must co-operate fully with other specialists (e.g. other coaches, officials, doctors, physiotherapists) in the best interest of the player
- club officials and coaches must ensure that players have appropriate kit when playing matches, especially during wet or cold periods
- club officials and coaches must inform all players and parents of the club and SYFA Protection policies and procedures ensuring that they have the name and full contact details for the club's Protection Officer
- club officials and coaches must show respect to others involved in the game including your club's players, your club's officials, your opposition's players, your opposition club's officials, match officials, all parents and supporters
- club officials and coaches must always promote the positive aspects of football and never participate in or condone violations of the Laws of the Game or relevant SYFA rules and regulations or the use of prohibited substances or techniques
- club officials and coaches must ensure that all activities are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players
- club officials and coaches should, at the outset, clarify with the players (and where appropriate, their parents) exactly what is expected of them and also what they are entitled to expect from their club
- club officials and coaches must always be honest with players, parents, guardians and officials
- club officials and coaches must develop an appropriate working relationship with each player based on mutual trust and respect
- club officials and coaches must not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward
- club officials and coaches must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance

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PARENTS AND SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT



PARENTS AND SPECTATOR OBLIGATIONS TOWARDS THE GAME:

- parents and spectators should adhere to the laws of the game, SYFA code of conduct, SYFA supplementary and playing rules, all SYFA protection policies, SYFA disciplinary procedures and all related SYFA policies and any amendments
- parents and spectators should remember that young players play football for fun
- parents and spectators should always applaud good play, effort and performance from both team's players and not just results
- parents and spectators should always remain outside the field of play or within any designated spectators area
- parents and spectators should ensure that players obtain a sense of personal achievement have high self-esteem
- parents and spectators should ensure that players improve their skills and techniques
- parents and spectators should ensure that players have a positive attitude and show respect to other players, club officials, club coaches, match officials and other players and spectators
- parents and spectators should always be positive and encouraging towards all of the players not just their own and always respect the match officials' decisions
- parents and spectators should develop an appropriate supportive relationship with both club officials and their son or daughter based on mutual trust and respect. Support the club's decisions and discuss any concerns directly with the club
- parents and spectators must never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behavior
- parents and spectators must never coach any player during the game or confuse the players by telling them what to do
- parents and spectators must never shout and scream or criticise a player for making a mistake as mistakes are part of the development of a player
- parents and spectators **MUST** always encourage everyone participating in football

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MATCH SUPERVISORS AND OFFICIALS CODE OF CONDUCT



MATCH SUPERVISORS AND OFFICIALS OBLIGATIONS TOWARDS THE GAME:

- match Supervisors and Officials have an important role to play and your behaviour has an impact on everyone involved in the game– both on the pitch and the touchlines
- apply the Laws of the Game and competition rules fairly and consistently
- manage the game in a positive, calm and confident manner
- build good relationships with club officials, coaches & players
- deal with all instances of violence, aggression, unsporting behaviour, foul play and other misconduct
- never tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour from players and officials
- set a positive personal example by promoting good behaviour and showing respect to everyone involved in the game
- communicate with the players and encourage respect & fair play
- respond to appropriate requests in a clear, calm and confident manner
- prepare physically and mentally for every match
- complete and submit, accurate and concise reports within the time limit required for games in which I officiate

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