



GODALMING TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

CODES OF CONDUCT

The following codes of conduct for Godalming Town Football Club are endorsed by the Football Association, as appearing in the F.A. Football Administration Handbook.

Code of Conduct for Coaches

- 1 Coaches must respect the rights, dignity and worth of each and every person and treat each equally within the context of the sport.
- 2 Coaches must place the well-being and safety of each player above all other considerations, including the development of performance.
- 3 Coaches must adhere to all guidelines laid down by governing bodies.
- 4 Coaches must develop an appropriate working relationship with each player based on mutual trust and respect.
- 5 Coaches must not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward.
- 6 Coaches must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- 7 Coaches must ensure that the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players.
- 8 Coaches should, at the outset, clarify with the players (and, where appropriate, parent) exactly what is expected of them and also what they are entitled to expect from their coach.
- 9 Coaches must co-operate fully with other specialists (e.g. other coaches, officials, sports scientists, doctors, physiotherapists) in the best interests of the player.
- 10 Coaches must always promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play) and never condone violations of the Laws of the Game, behaviour contrary to the spirit of the Laws of the Game or relevant rules and regulations or the use of prohibited substances or techniques.
- 11 Coaches must consistently display high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- 12 Not to use or tolerate inappropriate language.



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Code of Conduct for Players

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 his 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 gamesmanship, and time-wasting.
- 5 Always have regard to the best interests of the game, including where publicly expressing an opinion on the game and any particular 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 own team win.
- 2 Resist any influence, which might, or might be seen to, bring into question his 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.
- 4 Fair Play and respect for all others in the game is fundamentally important.



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Code of Conduct for Players continued

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 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 Supporters

A player should:

- 1 Show due respect to the interests of supporters.



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Code of Conduct for Team Officials

This Code applies to all team / club officials (although some items may not apply to all officials). Obligations towards the Game. The team official should:

- 1 Set a positive example for others, particularly young players and supporters.
- 2 Promote and develop his own team having regard to the interest of the Players, Supporters and reputation of the national game.
- 3 Share knowledge and experience when invited to do so, taking into account the interest of the body that has requested this rather than personal interests.
- 4 Avoid all forms of gamesmanship.
- 5 Show due respect to Match Officials and others involved in the game.
- 6 Always have regard to the best interests of the game, including where publicly expressing an opinion of the game and any particular aspect of it, including others involved in the game.
- 7 Not use or tolerate inappropriate language.

Obligations towards the Team

The team official should:

- 1 Make every effort to develop the sporting, technical and tactical levels of the club/team, and to obtain the best results by the team, using all permitted means.
- 2 Give priority to the interests of the team over individual interests.
- 3 Resist all illegal or unsporting influences, including banned substances and techniques.
- 4 Promote ethical principles.
- 5 Show due respect to the interests of players, coaches and other officials, at their own club/team and others.

Obligations towards the Supporters

The team official should:

- 1 Show due respect to the interests of supporters.

Respect towards the Match Officials

A team official should:

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



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Code of Conduct for Parents

- 1 Do not force an unwilling child to participate in football.
- 2 Remember, children are involved in football for their enjoyment, not yours.
- 3 Encourage your child to play to the Laws of the Game and learn rather than argue with the Referee and other officials.
- 4 Teach your child that honest effort is more important than victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- 5 Turn losing into winning by helping your child work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship. Never ridicule or “yell” at your child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- 6 Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good play by your team and by members of the opposing team.
- 7 Do not question the Referee’s judgement and never his honesty. Remember he is only human with the same feelings as you and like you sometimes makes an honest error.
- 8 Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children’s football.
- 9 Recognise the value and importance of coaches who are all volunteers. They give their time and resources, usually free, to provide football for your child.
- 10 Read the Laws of the Game to better understand what you are looking at and commenting on.



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Code of Conduct for Spectators

1 Remember that players play organised sports for their own enjoyment, rather than for your entertainment.

2 Be on your best behaviour. Do not use bad language or harass, physically or verbally, players, managers, coaches, referees or assistant referees.

3 Applaud all good play by your own team and the other team.

4 Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game.

5 Never ridicule or scold a player for making a mistake during a game.

6 Condemn the use of violence and verbal abuse.

7 Respect the referee and their assistant's decisions. Remember he/she is only human with the same feelings as you and like you sometimes makes an honest error.

8 Encourage players always to play according to the Laws of the Game.

9 Read the Laws of the Game to better understand what you are watching and commenting on.