



GODALMING TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

RESPECT POLICY



“Respect” is the FA’s programme of activities to combat unacceptable behaviour in our game at entry level – on the pitch and from the side lines.

The respect initiative came into being following an opinion survey of grassroots football carried out in 2007. The objective of the initiative is to ensure a safe, positive environment for everyone to enjoy football and in particular, to have an impact on the following areas:

Referee recruitment and retention:

By tackling abuse towards match officials, the FA hope to reduce the stream of referees understandably leaving the game.

Participation within youth football:

Abuse and pressure from the side lines needs to stop if we are to ensure young children enjoy, stay and progress in the game.

Coaching and player development:

An encouraging and player-centred approach is vital if we are to improve coaching standards – particularly for the key 5-11 year old age group. It’s simple: Better Coaches Produce Better Players.

Safeguarding Children:

Everyone in football has a duty of care towards children – ensuring they are able to play football in a safe, enjoyable environment free of abuse, bullying and discrimination.

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