



HASTINGS UNITED YOUTH FC **CODE OF CONDUCT**

In order to protect the good name of Hastings United Youth FC and to support its commitment to honesty and fairness in the playing and organisation of youth football, all players, parents/guardians and members of the General Committee are expected to conform to this Code of Conduct.

Anybody found to be in breach of this code might be subject to disciplinary action, which, in cases of serious or persistent breach may result in expulsion from the Club.

ALL MEMBERS SHALL:

- Not act in anyway which may be considered harmful or prejudicial to the good name and standing of the Club or in anyway which is contrary to the Rules and Constitution of the Club or the rules of the League or Association to which the Club is subject
- Not indulge in abusive or threatening behaviour, violent conduct or provocative, rude, obscene or racist language.

THE GENERAL COMMITTEE SHALL:

- Conduct the general and financial administration of the Club with the utmost honesty and integrity.
- Act as the ultimate authority and arbiter in any case of breach of the Code by any member. The General Committee shall always act fairly and reasonably in relation to any case brought before it and any decision made by it relating to disciplinary action shall be final and binding.

ALL MANAGERS/TEAM LEADERS SHALL:

- Remember that the enjoyment of the players is paramount and ensure that their Behaviour and attitude is always consistent with this aim.
 - Always adhere to all guidelines laid down by governing bodies.
 - Ensure that the activities they direct are appropriate for the age ,maturity, experience and ability of their players.
 - Ensure that all players' wellbeing and safety is paramount whilst intheir care and are treated fairly and with respect.
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- At all times promote the ethics of honest commitment and fair play.



- Always treat match officials, opposition players/officials/supporters with courtesy and respect.

ALL PLAYERS SHALL:

- At all times play the game in a sporting manner and within the rules.
- Always accept the decision of the match official as final and not show dissent.
- Respect their teammates and opponents and remember that football is a team game and behave accordingly.
- Be humble in victory and gracious in defeat.
- Treat all kit, equipment and facilities properly and with care.
- Always seek to shake hands of opponents and match officials at the end of every game
- Not use inappropriate language.
- Set a positive example to others, particularly young players.

ALL SPECTATORS SHALL:

- Confine themselves to positive encouragement and support of all players and not indulge in criticism or ridicule of any player of this or any other club.
- Not publicly criticise the actions or decisions of the manager/team leader.
- Not publicly question nor challenge the decisions of any match official.

Managers, team leaders, parents and spectators have a great influence on a child's enjoyment and success in football. All children play football because they first and foremost love the game (it's fun). It is important to remember that, however good a child becomes at football it is important to reinforce the message of positive encouragement, which will contribute to:

- Children enjoying football
- A sense of personal achievement.
- Self esteem
- Improving a child's skills and techniques.

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