



# Mutford United Youth Football Players Code of Conduct



## **OBJECTIVES: WHAT ARE WE TRYING TO ACHIEVE?**

To create a safe, enjoyable fun environment for you to improve your skills, techniques and moral values. To play to the best of your ability.

Although we all like to win, we believe success should be measured on improved performance rather than results.

## **PLAYERS SHOULD:**

Respect the ideal of fair play.

Learn and abide by the laws of the game.

Respect and accept the match official's decisions (Even if you don't agree with them)

## **WHAT IS EXPECTED FROM PLAYERS AT TRAINING:**

A willingness to learn. A desire to improve in every aspect, especially your attitude and behaviour.

Training is to be used to improve skills and technique as an individual, and as part of a team.

**IF YOU ONLY WANT TO PLAY IN GAMES, PLEASE JOIN ANOTHER CLUB!**

No player should expect to play if they do not train. Exceptions will be made for illness, injury, holiday or school/county side selection.

**If a player cannot make training or a game, you will be expected to phone your manager as early as possible to advise him/her.**

## **THE FOLLOWING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AT MATCHES OR TRAINING!**

Any bad behaviour or conduct likely to put at risk the health or safety of players, officials and spectators.

Victimisation and or abuse, physical or verbal, toward players or officials of our, or another club.

Vandalism or misconduct in any shape or form.

Players breaking the code of conduct can expect the following:

First instance - a direct verbal warning.

Second instance - a direct verbal warning and notification to the parent/guardian with a view to suspension from training and matches for a period of two weeks inclusive.

Third instance - expulsion from the club and parent / guardian notified,

**If the matter is felt to be serious enough, then suspension or expulsion will be considered as the first option.**

Hopefully this code of conduct will not be broken, but if it is then you know what to expect.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND SUPPORT

## **IMPORTANT FACTS FOR ALL MANAGERS, PARENTS, PLAYERS, AND SUPPORTERS**

Children develop differently and at different rates. They react differently to the same pressures. They all need positive experiences. The relationships with all adults at matches and training must be positive, sporting and part of the example adults should be setting for young people.

### **YOU SHOULD REMEMBER**

Young people are not playing to satisfy your own ambitions.

Young people are involved for their own enjoyment, not yours.

You have a responsibility to encourage young people to play by the rules.

Teamwork and effort are as important as winning. You should accept losing without undue disappointment.

Players should treat other players with the respect that they would expect.

Never ridicule or shout at a young person on making a mistake or losing, praise them or keep quiet.

Set an example. Applaud good play from both teams and encourage your team to shake hands with their opponents at the final whistle, or even when called for in the game itself.

Never publicly question the referees' or assistant referees' decisions. Never doubt their honesty.

Help to remove all verbal and physical abuse in soccer, remember it is easy to lose your own self-control.

Recognise the value and importance of the coaches who give up their time to help young people.

Be aware of the rules laid down in the CHILD PROTECTION ACT.

If you cannot abide by this code, then don't watch football matches. One unsavoury incident or a thoughtless selfish individual undermines so much good work.

BE RESPONSIBLE AND ALLOW EVERYONE TO ENJOY THE BEST GAME IN THE WORLD