

# **Woodvale Football Club**



## **Code of Conduct**

### **Players**

Play by the rules.

Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager approach the official during a break or after the competition.

Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours.

Work equally hard for yourself and/or your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.

Be a good sport. Applaud all good plays whether they are made by your team or the opposition.

Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated. Do not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.

Cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.

Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.

Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants, regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion. This extends to social media and the responsible mature use of such communication.

### **Coaches and Managers**

Remember that young people participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun.

Never ridicule or yell at a young player for making a mistake or not coming first.

Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.

Operate within the rules and spirit of your sport and teach your players to do the same.

Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience. All young people are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.

Avoid overplaying the talented players; the just average need and deserve equal time.

Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.

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Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators. Encourage players to do the same.

Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.

Obtain appropriate qualification and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young people.

Be organised. Plan your training sessions, keep them flowing and add variety.

Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Remember that young people participate for their enjoyment and benefit. Do not over emphasise awards.

Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development, and help improve the standards of coaching and officiating.

### **Spectators**

Remember that young people participate in sport for their enjoyment and benefit, not yours.

Applaud good performance and efforts from all individuals and teams. Congratulate all participants on their performance regardless of the game's outcome.

Respect the decisions of officials and teach young people to do the same.

Never ridicule or scold a young player for making a mistake. Positive comments are motivational.

Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by spectators, coaches, officials or players.

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

Encourage players to follow the rules and the officials' decisions. Do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches or officials.

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### **Woodvale FC**

Ensure that everyone involved in junior soccer emphasises fair play, and not winning at all costs.

Give a code of behaviour sheet to spectators, officials, parents, coaches, players and the media, and encourage them to follow it.

Remember, you set an example. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.

Make it clear that abusing young people in any way is unacceptable and will result in disciplinary action.

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On behalf of Woodvale FC President