



COLONY PARK FOOTBALL CLUB

SUPPORTER / PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

- Football is a sport and should be enjoyed by everyone. The Club exists to give children of all abilities an opportunity to play football and to improve their skills to become better players. We are grateful for the support of parents and spectators in helping to achieve this.
- We understand that everyone wants their child to do well and to enjoy their football. Always support and encourage them but remember that it is the job of the managers to develop players in their team. Please avoid confusing the players by coaching from the sidelines.
- The club ethos is about enjoyment and improvement with winning matches being a lesser priority. Parents are encouraged to promote this view with their children to support their development within the club.
- Always keep comments constructive and refrain from the use of bad language at all times. This serves only to distract the players and to create friction on the touchline.
- We recognise that players develop at different rates and to that end each player will be treated as an individual and with fairness and dignity. Please recognise these differences and provide encouragement to all players in the team.
- Avoid making negative comments to or about the referee, the opponents or indeed our own team. This sets a poor example to our players who are encouraged by the Club to show respect at all times. Such behaviour may be challenged and could lead to a request to withdraw from the field of play.
- Any posts or comments on Social media should be done respectfully. Avoid making any disparaging or abusive comments towards players, officials, referees or other supporters. Such behavior can result in disciplinary action by the League.
- Managers have a difficult job and as volunteers, commit considerable amounts of their own time to their role. They care about all the players in their squad, but sometimes have to make decisions for the benefit of other players or the wider team. While this may impact on some players wishes, decisions are made with the best interests of all players in mind.
- Football is a game defined by opinions. If you disagree with the Manager, he or she will be happy to discuss the issue with you providing the approach is constructive in nature. Managers will only discuss matters connected to your own child and cannot enter into debate about comparative abilities of players, or issues around tactics or team selection.
- Managers and coaches are also entitled to free time. Any approach about a matter of concern should take place either after training or matches. The Committee will encourage Managers not to enter lengthy dialogue with parents out with these times.
- If the matter cannot be resolved through dialogue, the club has a complaints policy, details of which can be obtained from the Manager or through the Club website.
- The Club value your ongoing support and believe your child will thrive as part of a team with a strong community and team identity. We want everyone to feel part of this and by agreeing to comply with this code of conduct you will be playing your part in creating the best environment for our children to enjoy their football.