



Code of Conduct

Code of Conduct – Players

Players are the most important people in the club. Fair play and respect for all others in the game is fundamentally important. Players should:

1. Never swear or use inappropriate language.
2. Never argue with, or make derogatory remarks to, match officials. The decisions of the match officials should be accepted without protest.
3. Never verbally or physically abuse opposing players, coaches or spectators – even if provoked.
4. Safeguard the physical fitness of opponents, avoid violence and rough play, and help injured opponents.
5. Avoid all forms of gamesmanship (i.e. cheating) and time wasting.
6. Win, lose or draw, shake hands with the players of the opposing team after the game.
7. Show respect for the coaches and each other.

Code of Conduct – Managers / Coaches

The conduct of Managers and Coaches is crucial and their attitude directly affects the behaviour of players under their supervision. Managers and Coaches should:

1. Place the well-being and safety of each player above all other considerations.
2. Encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
3. At the outset, clarify with the players (and, where appropriate, parents) exactly what is expected of them and also what they are entitled to expect from their coach.

4. Always promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play) and never condone behaviour contrary to the spirit of the Laws of the Game.
5. Consistently display high standards of behaviour.
6. Not use or tolerate inappropriate language.

Code of Conduct – Parents / Carers and Spectators

As a parent / carer, you are responsible for your child. If you are not in attendance at training or at a match, it is your responsibility to ensure that there is another adult present who has agreed to look after and take responsibility for your child. The coaches are there to coach, and cannot necessarily attend to your child if, for example, they hurt themselves or are ill.

All parents / carers will ensure that their child is registered through the Foxes website, and that this information is kept up to date.

Parents and family members have a great influence on children's enjoyment and success in football. With this in mind, parents/carers and spectators are asked to adhere to the following:

1. It is expected that during matches, parents and spectators will provide support and encouragement to the whole team not just their own child.
2. Make your year group coach aware of any medical condition or injury to your child that might be affected by training or playing football (e.g. asthma).
3. If you want to discuss any aspect of your child's involvement please talk to your year group coach. We are always very open to constructive feedback and suggestions for improvement.

Westbury Park Foxes Football Club will not tolerate abuse of opposing players, managers / coaches, supporters or match-day officials by anyone connected with the club.

Breaches of Conduct

If an individual wishes to report a breach of conduct, they should approach the relevant team manager or the Club Welfare Officer. Where this is not appropriate, they should approach a member of the Club Committee. Names are listed on the Foxes website.

If a breach of conduct cannot be resolved in an informal manner, the Club Committee can be asked to formally consider the matter. The Club Committee will then take whatever action they deem to be necessary. The ultimate sanction is removal of the player(s) from the club.