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Code of conduct for parents and carers

Note: Where we refer to 'parents' we mean parents and carers inclusively. The term 'children' or 'child' describes any person under the age of 16.

As a parent of a child taking part in our club or activity, we'd like you to:

The essentials

✓ Make sure your child has the right kit (training top, black shorts, black football socks, shin pads, football boots) and appropriate fitted shoes for the session as well as enough food and drink

✓ Try to make sure your child arrives to sessions on time and is picked up promptly; or let us know if you're running late or if your child is going home with someone else.

✓ It is your responsibility to ensure your child arrives on the 3G safely and accounted for.

✓ Complete all consent, contact and medical forms and update us straight away if anything changes

✓ Make sure your child wears any protective kit we provide for them

- ✓ Maintain a good relationship with your child's coach or trainer and catch up with them as much as you can about your child's development
- ✓ Talk to us if you have any concerns about any part of your child's involvement - we want to hear from you.
- ✓ Talk to us if you have issues with kit or shoes for your child so that we can help.

Behaviour

- ✓ Take time and learn about your child's sport and what it means to them
- ✓ Take the time to talk to your child about what you both want to achieve through sport
- ✓ Remember that children get a wide range of benefits from participating in sport, like making friends, getting exercise, and developing skills. It's not all about wins and losses
- ✓ Listen when your child says they don't want to do something
- ✓ Please allow the coaches to 'coach'.
- ✓ We welcome positive behaviour from the side-lines like shouting words of encouragement: say "Well done" and let your children know you're proud of what they're doing
- ✓ Think about how the way you react and behave effects not just your child but other children too
- ✓ Encourage your child to respect and celebrate difference in the academy
- ✓ Lead by example when it comes to positive behaviour on the side-lines; or let other parents take their cues from you, as well as from us

- ✓ Accept the coach/official's judgment and do not enter the field of play (this includes 3G during development training).
- ✓ Use social media responsibly when talking about what goes on at our club, by behaving in the same way online as you would in person
- ✓ Talk to your child about embracing good etiquette and sportsmanship
- ✓ Encourage your child to play by the rules
- ✓ Ensure that your child understands their code of conduct

As a parent, we understand your right to:

- ✓ Be assured that your child is safeguarded during their participation in sport.
- ✓ Be informed of problems or concerns relating to your children.
- ✓ Be informed if your child is injured.
- ✓ Have your consent sought for issues such as trips or photography.
- ✓ Contribute to decisions within the organisation.
- ✓ Have any concerns about any aspect of your child's welfare listened to and responded to.

Any breaches of this code of conduct will be dealt with immediately by a TFDC official. Persistent concerns or breaches may result in you being asked not to attend sessions if your attendance is considered detrimental to the welfare of young participants. The ultimate action should a parent/guardian continue to breach the code of behaviour may be the TFDC's officials regrettably asking your child to leave the session, or indeed, the TFDC all together.

