

I RESPECT THE STANDARD

THE GRASSROOTS CODE FOR YOUTH FOOTBALL

ENJOY THE GAME

We're here to enjoy ourselves...win, lose or draw.

To help make football more enjoyable for all I should:

- Remember that football is about enjoyment, not just winning.
- Encourage others and behave well.
- Bring a positive attitude to training and matches.
- Recognise when my team-mates give respect, work together, or try their best.

GIVE RESPECT

We always treat others as we'd like to be treated. To give respect at football I must:

- Always use respectful language and actions.
- Not argue with the referee, coach, and officials, and accept their decisions about football and my behaviour.
- Show fair play by shaking hands with our opponents whether we win, lose or draw.
- Tidy up after myself and take care of the facilities we use.

BE INCLUSIVE

We embrace our differences, football is a game for everyone.

To be inclusive at football I must:

- Welcome everyone, whoever they are and whatever their background or ability.
- Involve everyone and always be kind.
- Treat everyone fairly and tell a trusted adult if this doesn't happen.
- Celebrate everyone's good play, effort and success.

WORK TOGETHER

We're a team, on and off the pitch. To help us bond as a team I should:

- Encourage my team-mates if they make a mistake.
- Try my best and help my team, by being positive and supportive.
- Play fairly, without cheating, diving, complaining, or wasting time.
- Accept that I may not be able to play in my favourite position all the time, or that I may need to take a break to give someone else playing time.
- Recognise that if I'm the Captain, I need to try hard to set a positive example for others to follow.



We all have a role in safeguarding children. To help keep everyone safe I must:

- Remember football is about making friends, learning new skills and of course, being active!
- Take responsibility, encourage others, and keep it positive.
- Know that I have a right:
 - To feel safe online and offline.
 - To have healthy relationships with appropriate boundaries.
 - Not to feel uncomfortable or unsafe.
 - Not to be bullied, harassed, or intimidated.
 - Not to be treated unfairly.

If this doesn't sound like your football experience, speak to an adult you trust.

In addition:

- *The club will not be held responsible for loss or breakages of personal items belonging to members.*
- *Under no circumstances should any part of the current team kit be worn at training.*
- *Whilst a registered member of Anchorians football club I cannot train for another grass roots club, without prior permission from the Anchorians FC committee.*
- *Let your team manager know if you are attending any academy or ETC training sessions.*
- *If U18 your parent/carer will reimburse the club for any FA admin or hearing charges that are levied at the club for my misconduct on the pitch. Failure to reimburse the club in 7 days of the charge being paid will result in me not being able to play for my team until the admin charges are paid.*
- *Anchorians operate a misconduct points system: Red card=3 points & Yellow card =2 points. If I accumulate 5 points in the playing season, the club will impose a 1 match ban on me.*
- *Any kit issued to me by the club remains the property of Anchorians Football Club & must be treated with due care and attention. Any kit lost, ill-treated or failed to be returned that results in a replacement needed, will result in me being liable to pay the cost of the replacement. Shirt £40, Shorts £25, Socks £5 & ¼ Zip top £25.*
- *When using any of the club house facilities I must treat them with respect and due care and attention. I must also conduct myself in an appropriate manner. Any instances of misuse, improper conduct or damage caused by my actions will be dealt with by the Anchorians Football club & the Anchorians Association.*
- *Not to engage in any chat or comments on any social networking site that could be deemed detrimental to the club, our players, match officials, other clubs and their players.*
- *Anchorians FC & The Anchorians Association operates a zero-tolerance approach to illegal substances. Any member found to be using Illegal substances, will have their membership to the Football Club and Association suspended immediately pending a hearing.*

**If I DON'T
live up
to the
Standard**

I understand that my Club, League or County FA may take action, that could include:

- Giving me a verbal warning.
- Inviting me to a meeting to explain my behaviour.
- Warning me about my behaviour.
- Asking that I complete an FA education course.
- Suspending me, meaning I do not take part in games for a period of time.
- Removing my registration, meaning I can't play for my team again.
- Fining and/or suspending my Club.



**LOVE FOOTBALL.
PROTECT THE GAME.**



Guidance for club webpage's, social networks, email & texts for U18s

Mobile technology is a key part of everyday life including how and where you can find information about football. Whether it's about professional teams you follow or your own team or club it's a great way to get and share information.

Within football we want you to use social networks, the internet, texts and email safely to get the information you need. We have produced the guidance below to keep us all safe and to ensure that we respect each other:

- **Tell an adult you trust about any communications that make you feel uncomfortable or that asks you not to tell your parent/carer**

- Know **who** from the club should be contacting you and **how** they should be contacting you
- You can talk to the club's welfare officer if you are unhappy about anything sent to you or said about you over the internet, social networking sites, text messages or via email
- Don't post, host, text or email things that are hurtful, insulting, offensive, abusive, threatening, or racist as this would go against football rules and could also be against the law
- Don't give out personal details including mobile numbers, email addresses or social networking account access to people you don't know well offline
- Facebook has different 'set up' guidelines for U18s to help to keep you safe – use them
- Even if you get on with your coach, manager, club officials, adult referees or mentors, don't invite them to become your friends online, they have been asked not to accept such invitations
- Tell an adult you trust if an adult involved at the club or within refereeing asks you to become their friend online and inform your club welfare officer
- If you receive an image or message which you find offensive, threatening or upsetting tell an adult you trust. Make sure you copy and save the image/message elsewhere or print it off before you remove and destroy it because this may be needed as evidence
- You can also report concerns directly to the police by using the link below
<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>



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