



# WITNEY VIKINGS YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

CODES OF CONDUCT 2015-16



Established 1975

# Codes of Conduct



## Spectators, Parents, Guardians and Carers

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We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game. Witney Vikings Youth FC is supporting The FA's Respect Programme to ensure football can be enjoyed in a safe, positive environment. Remember children's football is a time for them to develop their technical, physical, tactical and social skills. Winning isn't everything. Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for spectators and parents/guardians/carers at all times.

#### **I will:**

Remember that children play for FUN

Applaud effort and good play as well as success

Always respect the match officials' decisions

Remain outside the field of play and within the Designated Spectators' Area

Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do

Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials

Avoid criticising a player for making a mistake – mistakes are part of learning

Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour

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I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by Witney Vikings Youth FC, County FA, League or The FA:

### **I may be:**

- Issued with a verbal warning from Witney Vikings Youth FC or league official
- Required to meet with Witney Vikings Youth FC, League or County FA Welfare Officer
- Required to meet with the Witney Vikings Youth FC committee
- Obligated to undertake an FA education course
- Obligated to leave the match venue by Witney Vikings Youth FC
- Requested by Witney Vikings Youth FC not to attend future games
- Suspended or have Witney Vikings Youth FC membership removed
- Required to leave Witney Vikings Youth FC along with any dependents

### **In addition:**

The FA/County FA could impose a fine and/or suspension on Witney Vikings Youth FC

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We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game. As a player, you have a big part to play. That's why The FA is asking every player to follow a Respect Code of Conduct.

#### **When playing football, I will:**

Always play to the best of my ability

Play fairly – I won't cheat, complain or waste time

Respect my team-mates, the other team, the referee or my coach/manager

Play by the rules, as directed by the referee

Shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game

Listen and respond to what my coach/team manager tells me

Talk to someone I trust or the Club Welfare Officer from Witney Vikings Youth FC if I'm unhappy about anything at the club

Club Welfare Officers for Witney Vikings Youth FC: Mr. D. Mann or Mr. M. Witcombe

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**I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by Witney Vikings Youth FC, County FA, League or The FA.**

**I may:**

- Be required to apologise to my team-mates, the other team, referee or team manager
- Receive a formal warning from the coach or Witney Vikings Youth FC committee
- Be dropped or substituted
- Be suspended from training
- Be required to leave Witney Vikings Youth FC

**In addition:**

- Witney Vikings Youth FC, County FA or The FA may make my parent or carer aware of any infringements of the Code of Conduct
- The FA/County FA could impose a fine and suspension against Witney Vikings Youth FC

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We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game. In The FA's survey of 37,000 grassroots participants, behaviour was the biggest concern in the game. This included the abuse of match officials and the unacceptable behaviour of over competitive parents, spectators and coaches on the sideline. Play your part and observe The Football Association's Respect Code of Conduct in everything you do.

#### **On and off the field, I will:**

Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators

Adhere to the laws and spirit of the game

Promote Fair Play and high standards of behaviour

Always respect the match official's decision

Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission

Never engage in public criticism of the match officials

Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour

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#### **When working with players, I will:**

Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning

Explain exactly what I expect of players and what they can expect from me

Ensure all parents/carers of all players under the age of 18 understand these expectations

Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying

Develop mutual trust and respect with every player to build their self-esteem

Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance

Ensure all activities I organise are appropriate for the players' ability level, age and maturity

Co-operate fully with others in football (e.g. officials, doctors, physiotherapists, welfare officers) for each player's best interests

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**I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by Witney Vikings Youth FC, County FA, League or The FA:**

Required to meet with Witney Vikings Youth FC, League or County Welfare Officer

Required to meet with the Witney Vikings Youth FC committee

Monitored by another coach from Witney Vikings Youth FC

Required to attend an FA education course

Suspended by Witney Vikings Youth FC from attending matches

Suspended or fined by the County FA

Required to leave or be sacked by Witney Vikings Youth FC

**In addition:**

My FACA (FA Coaches Association) membership may be withdrawn