

THE GOAL ACADEMY

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS

The Goal Academy believes that players are the most important people involved in the game of football. With such importance however, comes responsibility, a responsibility towards their team mates, towards the Laws of the Game, towards opponents and match officials, towards their coach and other officials, towards parents and spectators and, perhaps most importantly, a responsibility towards the game itself. Goal Academy players:

Teammates

- make every effort consistent with Fair Play and the Laws of The Game to help their team win;
- be respectful and encouraging towards team-mates regardless of any mistakes they might make.

The Laws of the Game

- know and follow the laws, rules and spirit of the game;
- accept success and failure, victory and defeat, equally.

Opponents

- be respectful to opponents at all times, irrespective of the result of the game;
- avoid violence and rough play and help injured opponents whenever possible.

Match Officials

- accept the decision of Match Officials without argument;
- do not deceive or mislead Match Officials;
- be respectful towards Match Officials at all times.

The Coach and Other Officials

- follow their Coach's instructions, provided they do not contradict the spirit of this code;
- be respectful towards other Officials, provided they do not contradict the spirit of this code.

Parents and Spectators

- be respectful towards Parents and Spectators at all times.

The Game

- make every effort to develop their sporting abilities in terms of skill, technique, tactics and stamina;
- give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during a game at all times;
- set a positive example for others, particularly younger players and spectators;
- avoid all forms of gamesmanship, time-wasting and unsportsmanlike behaviour;
- do not use inappropriate language.