



RESPECT CODE OF CONDUCT

Spectators and parents/carers

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game

AFC Sudbury 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/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 (where provided)
- 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

We also expect parents to ensure that their children eat and drink appropriately before matches, are wearing appropriate clothing for the weather conditions, and have correct footwear and shin pads





They should also ensure that they take their children to training, matches and other events and collect them afterwards at the correct times as advised by the team manager. Managers should be informed at the earliest opportunity if any player is unable to attend any event

Respect the decisions and team selection of the team manager; these are the sole responsibility of the management team whose decision is final

They should care for all items of club kit supplied to players and will return the kit on request. Any items lost or damaged must be paid for.

All issued kit remains the property of AFC Sudbury and should be returned to the relevant Manager/Coach on request or on leaving of the club

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA or The FA:

I may be:

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

In addition:

The FA/County FA could impose a fine and/or suspension on the club

