



Affiliated to the Hornsea Sports Association

CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT

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1. A Code of Conduct for Football

- Community

Football, at all levels, is a vital part of the community. Football will take into account community feeling and local interest and need when making decisions.

- Equality

Football is opposed to discrimination of any form and will promote measures to prevent it, in whatever form, from being expressed.

- Participants

Football recognises the sense of ownership felt by those who participate at all levels of the game. This includes those who play, those who coach or help in anyway, and those who officiate, as well as administrators and supporters. Football is committed to appropriate consultation.

- Young People

Football acknowledges the extent of its influence over young people and pledges to set a positive example.

- Propriety

Football acknowledges that public confidence demands the highest standards of financial and administrative behaviour within the game, and will not tolerate corruption or improper practices.

- Trust and Respect

Football will uphold a relationship of trust and respect between all involved in the game, whether they are individuals, clubs or other organisations.

- Violence

Football rejects the use of violence of any nature by anyone involved in the game.

- Fairness

Football is committed to fairness in its dealings with all involved in the game.

- Integrity & Fair Play

Football is committed to the principle of playing to win consistent with Fair Play.



2. A Code of Conduct for Coaches & Team Officials

- Coaches must respect the rights, dignity and worth of each and every person and treat each equally within the context of the sport.
- Coaches must place the well-being and safety of each player above all other considerations, including the development of performance.
- Coaches must adhere to all guidelines laid down by the Football Association.
- Coaches must develop an appropriate working relationship with each player based on mutual trust and respect.
- Coaches must not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward.
- Coaches must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- Coaches must ensure that the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players.
- Coaches should, at the outset, clarify with the players (and where appropriate, the parents) exactly what is expected of them and also what they are entitled to expect from their coach.
- Coaches must co-operate fully with other specialists (e.g. other coaches, officials, physio's) in order to ensure the best interests of the player.
- Coaches must always promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play) and never condone violations of the Laws of the Game, behaviour contrary to the spirit of the Laws of the Game or relevant rules and regulations or the use of prohibited substance or techniques.
- Coaches must consistently display high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- Coaches should never use or tolerate inappropriate language.

3. A Code of Conduct for Players

Obligations towards the game:

A player shall:

- Make every effort to develop their own sporting abilities, in terms of skill, technique, tactics and stamina.
- Give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during a game, even if his team is in a position where the desired result has already been achieved.
- Set a positive example for others, players and supporters.
- Avoid all forms of gamesmanship and time-wasting.
- Always have regard to the best interests of the game, including where publicly expressing an opinion on the game and any particular aspect of it, including others involved in the game.
- Not use inappropriate language.



Obligations towards the team:

A player shall:

- Make every effort consistent with Fair Play and the Laws of the Game to help his own team win.
- Resist any influence which might, or might be seen to, bring into question his commitment to the winning team.

Respect for the Laws of the Game and competition rules:

A player shall:

- Know and abide by the Laws, rules and spirit of the game, and any competition rules.
- Accept success and failure, victory and defeat, equally.
- Resist any temptation to take banned substances or use banned techniques.

Respect towards opponents:

A player shall:

- Treat opponents with due respect at all times, irrespective of the result of the game.
- Safeguard the physical fitness of opponents, avoid violence and rough play and help injured opponents.

Respect towards Match Officials:

A player shall:

- Accept the decision of a Match Official without protest.
- Avoid words or actions which may mislead a Match Official.
- Show due respect towards Match Officials.

Respect towards Team Officials:

A player shall:

- Abide by the instructions of their Coach & Team Officials, provided they do not contradict the spirit of this Code.
- Show due respect to the Team Officials of the opposition.

Obligations towards the Supporters:

A player shall:

- Show due respect to the interest of all supporters, both for their own team and for the opposition.



4. A Code of Conduct for Parents & Spectators

- A parent / spectator expectations and attitudes have a significant bearing on a child's attitude towards:
 - a) Other players
 - b) Officials
 - c) Coaches & Team Officials
 - d) Spectators

- Ensure that parents & spectators within your club are always positive and encouraging towards all of the children and not just their own.

Hornsea Town F.C. shall encourage spectators to:

- Applaud the opposition as well as your own team.
- Respect the referee's decision.
- Give encouragement to everyone to participate in football.

Hornsea Town F.C. shall encourage parents involved with all junior teams to:

- Applaud the opposition as well as your own team.
- Respect the referee's decision.
- Give encouragement to everyone to participate in football.
- Avoid coaching a child during a game.
- Not to shout and scream.
- Give attention to each of the children involved in football and not only the most talented.