

Crowborough Athletic Youth FC

Respect Codes of Conduct

Our Respect Mission Statement

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Introduction

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The FA and our club are committed to making football a positive and inclusive experience for everyone involved in the game, allowing all participants to enjoy the game and maximise their ability. Improving levels of behaviour and respect is one of our top priorities. That means not only respect towards match officials at all levels of football, but also the conduct of overly-competitive coaches and parents on the sidelines at youth games, and general standards of respect between players, coaches, referees and spectators.

Crowborough Athletic Youth FC (CAYFC) is one of only a handful of Charter Standard Community Clubs within Sussex, Community status is the highest standard that a Youth club can achieve. All of our managers and assistants are at least Level 1 qualified in football coaching and undertake continued professional development throughout their coaching life. All managers and assistants have been checked by the FA CR Unit and attend Safeguarding Children Workshops, these are renewed every three years. The club has a designated Child Welfare Officer who oversees the whole process and ensures that the club continues to maintain the standards required by the FA for a Charter Standard Community Club.

All of our helpers are unpaid and give up their time throughout the year for the benefit of the youth of Crowborough and the surrounding areas. In addition there are a host of 'backroom' helpers who deal with administration, fund raising, discipline, equipment, kit, players registration, ensuring that there are pitches to play on, organisation of our annual Fiesta etc and the general running of the club. Your manager also undertakes all of the paperwork associated with the running of his team and making the arrangements for fixtures ensuring that there is a pitch to play on.

Respect for all involved

Crowborough Athletic Youth FC is committed to adhering to our 'Respect Codes of Conduct' and requires everyone involved to act in a positive, well behaved manner, with fairness, restraint and respect for all involved – on the pitch, at the side of the pitch and away from the pitch. We require everyone to abide by our codes as demanded by The Football Association.

Our codes are based on those from the FA, which may be revised from time to time and can be seen at the FA's website at: <http://www.thefa.com/TheFA/Respect/CodesofConduct>.

Dealing with Respect Codes of Conduct Breaches

Failure to act in a positive, well behaved manner, with fairness, restraint and respect for all involved, failure to abide by the codes may cause disciplinary actions to be taken which may lead to sanctions ranging from 'a gentle word', warnings, temporary exclusion to permanent exclusion. Disciplinary issues of any kind will be dealt with by the disciplinary committee in a fair and appropriate way and will include extensive consultation with all involved.

Everyone involved has the right to make comments, offer advice, raise issues and make complaints. We ask issues to be raised respectfully, preferably after play has finished and not on the touchline during play. Issues may be raised verbally, or in writing. Normally issues should be discussed with the team manager but issues can also be raised by writing to the chairman, who will deal with it in an appropriate way.

Respect Codes of Conduct: Young Players (Mini-Soccer)

It is important everyone behaves themselves when playing football.

As a player, you have a big part to play. That's why we are asking every player to follow these 'Respect Codes of Conduct'.

When playing football, I will:

- Always do my best, even if we're losing or the other team is stronger
- Play fairly - I won't cheat, complain or waste time
- Never be rude to my team-mates, the other team, the referee, spectators or my coach/team manager
 - what the referee tells me
- Shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game
- Listen to my coach/team manager and respect what he/she says
- Talk to someone I trust, for example my parents or the club welfare officer if I'm unhappy about anything at my club.

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Respect Codes of Conduct: Older Players (11-a-side)

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

Players tell the FA they want a referee for every match, yet 7,000 match officials drop out each season because of the abuse and intimidation they receive on and off the pitch. **Respect** your referee and help us get one for every match this season.

Play your part and follow these 'Respect Codes of Conduct' for players at all times.

On and off the field, I will:

- Always act in a positive, well behaved manner, with fairness, restraint and respect for all involved – players, coaches, officials, parents and spectators
- Adhere to the Laws of the Game
- Display and promote high standards of behaviour
- Promote fair play and behave within the spirit of the Laws of the Game
- Always respect the match officials' decisions
- Never engage in public criticism of the match officials
- Never engage in offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Avoid bullying, intimidation and poor behaviour
- Speak to my team-mates, the opposition and my coach/manager with respect
- Ask my team captain to talk to the referee if I have a problem relating to the game
- Remember we all make mistakes
- Shake hands with the opposing team and the match officials at the end of every game

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Respect Codes of Conduct: Parents/Guardians/Spectators

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

This club is supporting The FA's Respect programme to ensure football can be enjoyed by everyone in a safe and positive environment.

As already mentioned, all of our helpers are unpaid and give up their time throughout the year for the benefit of the youth of Crowborough and the surrounding areas.

The selection and substitution of players are perhaps the most difficult aspects of managing a team and it is impossible to please everyone. The manager's decision has to be accepted. As a club we do not solely chase trophies, we try to be fair, but when moving from Mini Soccer to 11-a-side then teams become more competitive, often a cause of problems. All of our managers, coaches, officials, and referees deserve the respect of parents and spectators, whether that is on match days or at training, without them there would be no club.

Play your part and follow these 'Respect Codes of Conduct' for spectators and parents/guardians at all times.

I will:

- Always act in a positive, well behaved manner, with fairness, restraint and respect for all involved – players, coaches, officials, parents and spectators
- Remain outside the field of play and behind the designated Spectator Area (where provided)
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Always respect the match officials' and coaches' decisions
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success

In addition, when attending youth games I will:

- Remember that children play for FUN
- Let the coaches do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition and match officials
- Never criticise a player for making a mistake - mistakes are part of learning

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Respect Codes of Conduct: Coaches

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

In The FA's survey of over 37,000 grassroots participants, behaviour was the biggest concern in the game. This included both the abuse of match officials and the unacceptable behaviour by over competitive parents, spectators and coaches on the sidelines.

The FA's Respect programme is aimed at tackling unacceptable behaviour across the whole game. Play your part and follow these 'Respect Codes of Conduct' for coaches, team managers and club officials at all times.

I will:

- Always act in a positive, well behaved manner, with fairness, restraint and respect for all involved – players, coaches, officials, parents and spectators
- Adhere to the Laws of the Game
- Display and promote high standards of behaviour
- Always respect the match officials' decisions
- 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.

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 the parents/carers of all players under the age of 18 understand these expectations
- Refrain from, and refuse to 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, experience, 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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Respect Codes of Conduct: CAYFC Match Officials

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

The behaviour of the match officials has an impact, directly and indirectly, on the conduct of everyone involved in the game - both on the pitch and on the sidelines.

Play your part and follow these 'Respect Codes of Conduct' for match officials at all times.

When officiating I will:

- Always act in a positive, well behaved manner, with fairness, restraint and respect for all involved – players, coaches, officials, parents and spectators
- Be honest and completely impartial at all times, irrespective of the teams, players or team officials involved in the match
- Apply the Laws of the Game and competition rules fairly and consistently
- Manage the game in a positive, calm and confident manner
- Deal with all instances of violence, aggression, unsporting behaviour, foul play and other misconduct
- Not tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour from players and officials
- Support my match official colleagues at all times
- Set a positive personal example by promoting good behaviour and showing respect to everyone involved in the game
- Communicate with the players and encourage fair play
- Respond in a clear, calm and confident manner to any appropriate request for clarification by the team captains
- Prepare physically and mentally for every match
- Complete and submit, accurate and concise reports within the time limit required for games in which I officiate

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