



# COACHES AND VOLUNTEERS CODE OF CONDUCT

- **We will remember that the girls play for fun** and will always place their enjoyment, well-being and safety above everything.
- **Our girls believe in Sportsmanlike Behaviour and we will support them in that. All they can do is play to the best of their ability. They have no control over the ability of the other team or the referee. They should never undermine each other; the other team or the referee.**
- **We will use football as a way of developing self-esteem and confidence in the girls** and will encourage the girls to be the best they can be and to expect the same of others.
- **We will set a good example and promote high standards of behaviour.** We will show respect to others including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators.
- **We will adhere to the laws and spirit of the game.** We will abide by the match official's decision and won't engage in public criticism of officials.
- **We will never engage in, or tolerate, any form of bullying.**
- **We will make it clear what is expected of players** and what they can expect from us and ensure all parents understand these expectations.
- **We will ensure activities are appropriate for the girls' ability, age and maturity.**
- **We will never enter the field of play without the referee's permission.**
- **We will never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language.**
- **We will never engage in, or tolerate, aggressive or violent behaviour.**
- **We will co-operate fully with others in football.**

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

- Required to meet with the club, league or County Welfare Officer.
- Required to meet with the club committee.
- Monitored by another club coach.
- Required to attend an FA education course.
- Suspended by the club from attending matches.
- Suspended or fined by the County FA.
- Required to leave or be sacked by the club.

**In addition:**

- My FACA (FA Coaches Association) membership may be withdrawn.