



FA RESPECT CODE OF CONDUCT

Spectators and Parents/Carers

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behavior in the game. This club is supporting the FAs 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 with 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 criticizing a player for making a mistake – mistakes are part of learning
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behavior.

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

- Issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official
- Required to meet with the club, league or County FA 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

Young Players

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behavior in the game. As a player, you have a big part to play. That's why The FA is asking every player to follow a Respect Code of Conduct.

- When playing football, I will:
- Always play to the best of my ability
- Play fairly – I won't cheat, complain or waste time
- Respect my team-mates, the other team, the referee or my coach/manager
- Play by the rules, as directed by the referee
- Shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game
- Listen and respond to what my coach/team manager tells me
- Talk to someone I trust or the club welfare officer if I'm unhappy about anything at my club

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

- Be required to apologise to my team-mates, the other team, referee or team manager
- Receive a formal warning from the coach or the club committee
- Be dropped or substituted
- Be suspended from training
- Be required to leave the club
- In addition, my club, County FA or The FA may make my parent/carer aware of any infringements of the Code of Conduct.
- The FA/County FA could impose a fine and suspension against my club



GENERAL INFORMATION

Images

At times LYFC may wish to take photos or videos of the team or individuals in it. We adhere to The FA Guidelines to ensure these are safe and respectful and used solely for the purpose for which they are intended, which is promotion and celebration of the activities of LYFC and for training purposes

Travel

It is the responsibility of the parent to ensure arrangements have been made for their child to be collected at the end of a training session or game. Children in year 6 or below are expected to be collected by an adult. If anyone other than the parent/carer is picking the child up then the manager must be informed by the parent/carer no later than the start of the session.

Should LYFC arrange travel to an event/game, arrangements will be made to collect and return children to specific pick up points. The Club's responsibility stops and starts at these points. It is your responsibility to arrange safe travel to and from the pick up points. If you are ever delayed in collecting your child, please make every effort to contact the Club Contact or helpers so we can discuss arrangements for your child.

Suitable Clothing/Equipment

All children MUST wear shin pads both to training and games. Should a child attend without shin pads they will not be allowed to participate, this is for their own protection.

Children should attend training and games suitably prepared for the weather and time of year. This includes coats, skins, gloves, hats, sun-cream, boots suitable for the playing surface and water/snacks.

Please note that on a 3/4G pitch on certain types of boots may be worn – if in doubt please look at the website of the venue for details.

All belongings should be cleared named so we are able to return any lost items to their owners.

Non-Football Activities

There may be occasions when your child is involved in planned and structured non-football activities such as a trip to the cinema, bowling or participating in a fund raising event. The Club will have collected appropriate information in preparation for the activity (e.g. about the journey, the children's various needs and helper skills), identified any potential risks or dangers, minimised the risks and dangers by careful planning and precautions and made sure we know who is responsible for putting precautions into place (e.g. who will carry the First Aid kit).

Welfare

Should there be any concerns or worries with regards to your child whether at the club or elsewhere then please don't hesitate to get in touch if you feel you need help or support. Similarly, if there any concerns about the practices of our club, coaches or volunteers then, again, please get in touch. The contact details for all our committee members can be found on our website.