



Code of Conduct for Parents/Adults/Spectators.

All adults have a great influence on children's enjoyment and success in football. All children play football because they love the game, - it's fun. It is important to remember that however good a child becomes at football within our Club, positive encouragement will contribute to:

- ▶ Children enjoying football
- ▶ A sense of personal achievement
- ▶ Self esteem
- ▶ Improving the child's skills and technique

A parent's expectations and attitudes have a significant bearing on a child's attitude towards:

- ▶ Other players
- ▶ Officials
- ▶ Managers and coaches
- ▶ Spectators
- ▶ Remember the primary reason the children play sport is for their fun and enjoyment, not yours. The children's fun and enjoyment comes before winning
- ▶ Encourage children to participate, - do not force them
- ▶ If your child is selected to play, ensure they turn up on time
- ▶ Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing
- ▶ Encourage children to play fairly and according to the Rules
- ▶ Don't make negative comments to or about any child, especially your own. Understand when a player makes a mistake it wasn't on purpose; your method of correction should reflect that
- ▶ Praise the efforts of all players, remember the lesser skilled players are just as important as the superstars
- ▶ Remember children learn best by example. Applaud good play and don't criticise bad play
- ▶ Respect the decisions of officials, and teach the children to do the same
- ▶ Show appreciation of volunteers, coaches, officials and administrators. Without them your child could not participate.
- ▶ Ensure your child has appropriate clothing to participate in the sport. The Club will provide kits for match days but parents are responsible for providing boots, shin guards etc which are required for match days and training
- ▶ Shouting from the touchline is discouraged apart from general encouragement

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- ▶ Remember enjoyment is the unifying factor; some children don't want to learn, some don't care about winning, a few have no interest in hard work and one or two can't remember which goal they're attacking. In spite of all their different agenda's they all want to have fun and play a game

During matches or other representative occasions the club encourages the following behaviour from adults

- ▶ Good sportsmanship towards both teams and officials
- ▶ Politeness and punctuality
- ▶ The respect of equipment and sporting venues
- ▶ Respect to all members of Oakworth Juniors Football Club and their opponents
- ▶ The respect and support of match officials

Under no circumstances will the Club accept the following behaviour towards anyone - other children, parents, coaches or persons associated with opponents

- ▶ Foul language or abuse
- ▶ Sexist or racist remarks
- ▶ Fighting or unsociable attitude
- ▶ Consumption of alcohol in the vicinity of the playing area.