



Hilton Harriers FC



Club Players Code of Conduct

All Players at Hilton Harriers Football Club must abide by the following at all times. Team players are chosen solely on merit, but a large degree of self- selection occurs in as much as those who really want to play make sure they regularly attend practice sessions. A player cannot expect to be selected for the start of, a game if he does not come to practice.

Obligations towards the Game - A Player should:

- Make every effort to develop their own sporting ability, in terms of skill, techniques, tactics and stamina.
- Give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during a game, even if your team is in a position where the desired result has already been achieved.
- Set a positive example for others, particularly younger players.
- Avoid all forms of gamesmanship and time wasting
- Never use bad or Un-sportsman like behaviour or language at any time during training or matches.
- Abide by the instructions of your coach and team officials, provided they do not contradict the spirit of this code.
- Should be playing for fun – not just to please their Parents/Guardians, Coaches or Manager!
- Come prepared for training/Matches (your kit on, a drink and weather protection) and remember to pay your training /match fees on time.
- Look after their kit and take pride in wearing it. Ensuring it is worn only on match days / Competitions and training.
- 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
 - 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.
 - Show due respect towards the Team Officials of the opposition.
 - Know and abide by the laws, rules and spirit of the game and the competition rules – **Do Not Cheat.**
 - Accept success and failure, victory and defeat equally.
 - Resist the temptation to take banned substances or use banned techniques.
 - Be fair, show good sportsmanship and ensure that good manners are observed and respect is held for their peers, coaches, the opposition and officials.

Obligation towards One's Own Team - A Player should

- Make every effort consistent with Fair Play and the Laws of the game to help his/her own Team win.
- Resist any influence, which might, or might be seen to, bring into question his/her commitment to the Team winning.
- Support his/her team even when **not** playing.

Respect towards Opponents - A Player should:

- Shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game
- 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 the Match Official - A Player should:

- Play by the rules, as directed by the referee
- Accept the decision of the Match Official without protest – the decision will not be changed
- Avoid words or actions, which may mislead a Match Official.
- Show due respect towards Match Officials – Thank them at the end of the game without them you would not have a game!

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, 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 or carer aware of any infringements of the Code of Conduct
 - The FA/County FA could impose a fine.



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Club Parents / Guardians & Spectators Code of Conduct

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 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 abide by the following at all times

Your child is accepted for training with Hilton Harriers Football Club, on the basis that the Parents / Guardians act in a reasonable and courteous manner both to the Managers, children and parents of your child's team, as well as the other teams Managers, parents and players. The same applies to the responses to the Referees decisions; please, suffer in silence if you feel a mistake has been made, **WE ARE NOT ALL PERFECT!**

- Never force a child to play football – But when he/she does play, please try and attend, because although they will not admit to doing so, all players enjoy the opportunity of demonstrating to their parents /guardians how well they can play.
- Remember that children play for FUN, playing football for their enjoyment – NOT YOURS!
- Applaud good football – by either team!
- Avoid criticising a player for making a mistake – mistakes are part of learning
- Always respect the match officials' decisions & encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials
- Do not question a Managers or Referees fairness or ability. Remember children learn by example.
- Encourage a child to play by the rules.
- Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour.
- Do not insist that your child should be given a place or particular position, as this is the decision of the Managers.
- If you do wish to discuss anything with your child's Manager / Coach, then please can you wait and speak to them after training/match has finished or in private, not in front of the children. If you wish to speak to a Manager outside of their club duties, please make a mutually convenient appointment.
- Please be courteous at all times when dealing with club coaches, managers, officials and other volunteers, respecting their privacy whist away from club activities. Verbal or physical abuse to club officials will not be tolerated.
- Please inform your child's manager/ coach if there is any change in your child's health or medication.
- Please make sure your child comes prepared for training i.e. wearing appropriate clothes for the weather, has a raincoat if the conditions change, has plenty of fluids especially in hot weather and can you please apply any sun protection cream when needed.
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success
- Remain outside the field of play and within the Designated Spectators' Area (where provided)
- Parents / Guardians should never smoke near to the edge of the pitch or training area. Anyone wishing to smoke must find an appropriate area away from the children.
- Parents or Guardians wishing to photograph or video the children do so on the understanding that it is for their personal home use and no other.

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

- Be issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official
- Be required to meet with the club, league or CFA Welfare Officer
- Be required to meet with the club committee
- Be obliged to undertake an FA education course
- Be obliged to leave the match venue by the club
- Be requested by the club not to attend future games
- Be suspended or have my club membership removed
- Be 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.

Relax and enjoy watching your child play!