

CLUB

CODE OF CONDUCT

A code of conduct is important for players, parents, managers, coaches, volunteers and supporters that provide a platform for the game.

It contains guidelines and rules that:

- a) Outline expectations
- b) Ensure safety and fairness
- c) Reduce conflict
- d) Ensure high standards of discipline

It is a form of contract with expectations and responsibilities for all those involved and should be read in conjunction with the clubs child protection guidelines.

We hope to create a positive environment that will allow each player to maximize his/her potential as a footballer and in the case of the junior players develop into responsible adults.

Everyone associated with the club should aim for excellence in all things.

BICESTER TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB AGREE TO PROVIDE:

- 1. A safe environment in which players can learn and develop without fear of abuse.
- 2. Care of the players physical well-being, advice and support.
- 3. Implementation of suitable games under the protection and guidance of the Football Association.
- 4. An environment that will not tolerate any racial discrimination and ensures that all players are treated with the same respect regardless of ability.
- 5. Consideration to the long term development of the players.



PLAYERS

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All players signed to the club will agree to:

- 1. Not verbally or physically abuse, bully or act in a threatening manner to any team-mate, club officials, match officials, spectators, opposition players, and opposition officials.
- 2. Be sporting and competitive in all games. Treat the opposition and the officials with respect.
- 3. Behave with self-discipline at all times both on and off the pitch.
- 4. Attend regularly and punctually for training and games.
- 5. Immediately report any injuries to your coach and do not play any sport until you are fit.
- 6. Provide as much notice as possible to your coach for any absence.
- 7. Practice with enthusiasm the techniques and skills that you are shown, make them an important part of your daily routine and attempt to apply then in matches.
- 8. Listen carefully to the information you are given by your coach.
- 9. Play and train with shirt tucked in socks up and shin pads on.
- 10. Take pride in your appearance clean boots etc.

Failure to carry out this agreement may result in disciplinary action from the club.



THE PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF THE PLAYERS

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All parents and guardians of club players will agree to:

- 1. Encourage and help the player meet targets in both training and game. Not to force an unwilling child to participate in sport.
- 2. Positively support the player without pressure and praise his/her achievements.
- 3. Support the coaches and organisers at the club
- 4. Set a good example to the players at all times.
- 5. All disputes regarding the behaviour of match officials or the opposing players and spectators, will be the responsibility of the Club Team Manager who will follow official procedures for the registration of a complaint.
- 6 Any person(s) using abusive language on the touchline during matches/training will be asked to refrain from doing so by the manager/coach. If the problem persists he/she and their child will be banned for a period of two weeks. If the problem arises again, these persons will no longer be associated with Bicester Town Colts FC, and their membership(s) will cease.
- 7 Bicester Town Colts FC have a policy, where no alcohol is to be consumed by anyone on the touchline during matches.
- 8 Smoking is not permitted at pitch side at the Bicester Sports Association or any environment where club players are present.

Smoking is only permitted at the car park area only.

Remember the players of the club are involved in football for their enjoyment not yours!



GENERAL FOR ALL CLUB MEMEBERS

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The club and team managers are responsible for the behaviour of players and spectators before, during and after the game.

The club will be disciplined by the FA or Witney & District League for any incidents that involve players or spectators.

Any fines given to the club will be presented to the club disciplinary panel. The panel will then decide who will provide payment of the fine whether it be the club or the person(s) involved or jointly shared.

We hope that all players and spectators will appreciate the skill and efforts from both teams, irrespective of the result.

Encourage the team from the touchline, but please keep quiet about mistakes that are made.

Leave any coaching to the coaches. It's more efficient and less confusing for the players.

Violent play and foul language will not be tolerated under any circumstances.



COACHES & CLUB OFFICALS

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- 1. Coaches are key to the establishment of ethics in football.

 Their concept of ethics and their attitude directly affects the behaviour of players under their supervision.
- 2. Coaches are therefore, expected to pay particular care to the moral aspect of their conduct.
- 3. Coaches have to be aware that almost all of their everyday decisions and choices of actions as well as strategic targets, have ethical implications.
- 4. It is natural that winning constitutes a basic concern for coaches. This code is not intended to conflict with that. However, the code calls for coaches to disassociate themselves from a win-at-all-costs attitude.
- 5. Increased responsibility is requested from coaches involved in coaching young people.
- 6. The health, safety, welfare and moral education of young people are a first priority, before the achievement of the reputation of the club, coach or parent.
- 7. Following is the FA Coaches Association Code of Conduct (which reflects the standards expressed by sports coaches in the UK) and forms the benchmark for all involved in coaching.

Bicester Town Colts FC wholeheartedly follow and practice this Code of Conduct and accept it as our own.



THE FA COACHES ASSOCIATION CODE OF CONDUCT

- 1. Coaches must respect the rights, dignity and worth of each and every person and treat each equally within the context of sport.
- 2. Coaches must place the well-being and safety of each player above all other considerations, including the development of performance.
- 3. Coaches must adhere to all guidelines laid down by governing bodies.
- 4. Coaches must develop an appropriate working relationship with each player based on mutual trust and respect.
- 5. Coaches must not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit and reward.
- 6. Coaches must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- 7. Coaches must ensure that the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players.
- 8. Coaches should, at the outset, clarify with the players (and where appropriate, parent) exactly what is expected of them and also what they are entitled to expect from their coach.
- 9. Coaches must co-operate fully with other specialists (e.g. other coaches, officials, sports scientists, doctors, and physiotherapists) in the best interests of the player.
- 10. Coaches must always promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play) and never condone violations of the Laws of the Game, behaviour contrary to the spirit of the Laws of the Game or relevant rules and regulations or the use of prohibited substances or techniques.
- 11. Coaches must consistently display high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- 12. Not to use or tolerate inappropriate language.