



## **Codes of Conduct**

The following Codes of Conduct are based on the FA recommended Codes of Conduct. All Members of Timperley Villa YFC (the Club) shall adhere to these Codes of Conduct at all times:

1. For Players
2. For Parents / Guardians
3. For Spectators
4. For Coaches / Managers
5. For Club/Team Officials

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### 1. PLAYERS

- Play because YOU enjoy football, not to please your parents or coach.
- The Club expects fair play at all times.
- Players must respect the rights, dignity and worth of each and every person and treat all equally within the context of the sport.
- Players must adhere to all guidelines laid down by the Constitution and the Code of Conduct of the Club and the rules of the Football Association.
- Players must develop an appropriate working relationship with the coach based on mutual trust and respect.
- Players should, at the outset, clarify with the coach (and, where appropriate, their parents) exactly what is expected of them and also what they are entitled to expect from other players.
- Players must accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- Players should shake hands with match officials and opponents after the game (whatever the result).
- Players must not become involved in disputes with officials, opponents or supporters.
- Players must not use foul or abusive language towards officials, opponents or supporters.
- Players must let the referee handle incidents in the game. Do not retaliate against opponents.
- Players must not applaud sendings-off or the errors of opponents.
- Players must treat the changing rooms and facilities of all Clubs, including your own, with respect.
- Players must consistently display high standards of behaviour.
- Teamwork, effort and enjoyment are as important as winning. Learn to win and lose with dignity.
- Players should help when asked by coaches and officials.
- Players should thank coaches, officials and other volunteers who conduct the event.



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### 2. PARENTS / GUARDIANS

- Parents/Guardians must appreciate that their children's involvement in playing football should be primarily for the child's own personal enjoyment.
- Parents/Guardians must respect the rights, dignity and worth of each and every person and treat equally within the context of the sport. Praise positive aspects of play and avoid becoming frustrated or ridiculing young players by focusing on their failings.
- Parents/Guardians must adhere to all guidelines laid down by the Constitution and the Code of Conduct of the Club and the rules of the Football Association.
- Parents/Guardians must place the well being and safety of each player above all other considerations.
- Parents/Guardians must develop an appropriate supportive relationship with both the coach and their child based on mutual trust and respect.
- Parents/Guardians should, at the outset, and where appropriate seek clarification with the manager and players, exactly what is expected of them and also what they are entitled to expect from the coach and the player.
- Parents/Guardians must not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward.
- Parents/Guardians must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- Parents/Guardians must not become involved in disputes with officials, opponents or supporters.
- Parents/Guardians must not use foul or abusive language towards officials, opponents or supporters.
- Parents/Guardians must let the referee handle incidents in the game.
- Parents/Guardians must not applaud sendings-off or the errors of opponents.
- Parents/Guardians should avoid coaching the child during the game.
- Parents/Guardians must treat the changing rooms and facilities of all Clubs, including your own, with respect.
- Parents/Guardians must consistently display high standards of behaviour.
- Parents/Guardians must not use physical violence or threaten anyone.
- Parents/Guardians must emphasise the importance of striving to win, not winning itself. Praise effort and performance more than results.



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- Parents/Guardians should recognise the value and importance of coaches/managers who are all volunteers. They give their time and resources, for free, to provide football for your child.
- Parents/Guardians should help when asked by coaches and officials.
- Parents/Guardians should thank coaches, officials and other volunteers who conduct the event.



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### 3. SPECTATORS

- Spectators must appreciate the child's involvement in playing football should primarily be for the child's own personal enjoyment.
- Spectators must respect the rights, dignity and worth of each and every person and treat equally within the context of the sport. Praise positive aspects of play and avoid becoming frustrated or ridiculing young players by focusing on their failings.
- Spectators must adhere to all guidelines laid down by the Constitution and the Code of Conduct of the Club and the rules of the Football Association.
- Spectators must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- Spectators must stand away from the touchline
- Spectators must not abuse match officials, however much they disagree with their decision.
- Spectators should encourage all players and applaud their efforts.
- Spectators must not applaud foul play, and do not incite players to foul.
- Spectators must not use foul or abusive language to match officials, players or spectators.
- Spectators must not use physical violence or threaten anyone.
- Spectators must under no circumstances enter the field of play during the course of a match unless expressly requested to do so by the referee.
- Spectators must avoid coaching the child during the game.
- Spectators must treat the changing rooms and facilities of all Clubs you visit with respect.
- Spectators must consistently display high standards of behaviour.
- Spectators must emphasise the importance of striving to win, not winning itself. Praise effort and performance more than results.
- Spectators should help when asked by coaches and officials.
- Spectators should thank coaches, officials and other volunteers who conduct the event.



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### 4. COACHES / MANAGERS

The following is taken from the F.A. Code of Good Practice:

“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. Coaches are, therefore, expected to pay particular care to the moral aspect of their conduct.

Coaches have to be aware that almost all of their everyday decisions and choices of actions, as well as strategic targets, have ethical implications.

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.

Increased responsibility is requested from coaches involved in coaching young people. The health, safety, welfare and moral education of young people are a first priority, before the achievement or the reputation of the club, school, coach or parent.”

The Club’s Code of Conduct for the Coach and Team Manager is based on The F.A. Coaches Association Code of Conduct (which reflects the standards expressed by the National Coaching Foundation and the National Association of Sports Coaches) which forms the benchmark for all involved in coaching.

- Coaches / Team Managers must respect the rights, dignity and worth of each and every person and treat each equally within the context of the sport.
- Coaches / Team Managers must place the well being and safety of each player above other considerations including the development of performance.
- Coaches / Team Managers must adhere to all guidelines laid down by governing bodies.
- Coaches / Team Managers must develop an appropriate working relationship with each player based upon mutual trust and respect.
- Coaches / Team Managers must not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward.
- Coaches / Team Managers must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- Coaches / Team Managers must ensure that the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of their players.
- Coaches / Team Managers should, at the outset, clarify with players (and their parents/guardians) exactly what is expected of them and also what they are entitled to expect from their coach/team manager.



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- Coaches / Team Managers must co-operate fully with other specialists (e.g. other coaches, officials, sports scientists, doctor, physiotherapists etc) in the best interests of the player.
  - Coaches / Team Managers must always promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play) to players, parents and spectators alike.
  - Coaches / Team Managers must not use or tolerate foul or abusive language to match officials, players or spectators.
  - Coaches / Team Managers must 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.
  - Coaches / Team Managers must consistently display high standards of behaviour and appearance and be a role model for players, parents and spectators.
5. CLUB/TEAM OFFICIALS
- Officials have a crucial role to play in the game.
  - Encourage your players to play in the correct spirit.
  - Do not abuse your own players or those of the other team.
  - Handle any unruly behaviour among your spectators before it gets out of hand.
  - Do not use foul or abusive language to match officials, players or spectators.
  - Under no circumstances enter the field of play during the course of a match unless expressly requested to do so by the referee.
  - Referees and parents and spectators who are officiating as referees and assistant referees have the full authority of the FA. It is the responsibility of Club/Team Officials to ensure they are treated with respect.
  - Under no circumstances remove your team from the pitch without the express permission of the referee.
  - Avoid coaching the child during the game.
  - Treat the changing rooms and facilities of all Clubs, including your own, with respect.
  - Club/Team Officials must consistently display high standards of behaviour.
  - Club/Team Officials must emphasise the importance of striving to win, not winning itself. Praise effort and performance more than results.