



Bluebirds United Football Club

CODE OF CONDUCT

Statement of Commitment

BUFC is committed to providing a safe and enjoyable environment for children to participate in football. Everyone involved in our sport should be treated with respect and dignity and be free to participate without being discriminated against, harassed, bullied, or abused.

All members agree to this code of conduct as a minimum standard for anyone involved in playing or supporting football with Bluebirds United Football Club. It applies when playing, training, or taking part in club-sanctioned activities at both junior and senior levels.

Players

- Always give my best at training and games, listening to my coach and helping my teammates. Put our club first, our team second and myself third. This includes turning up on time, taking responsibility, communicating, and thanking others.
- Play by the rules of the game and show respect for other players, coaches, and officials. Verbal or physical abuse of officials or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent will not be tolerated.
- Respect the rights and worth of every person, regardless of their age, race, gender, ability, cultural background, sexuality, or religion. Discrimination, harassment, and bullying will not be tolerated. Instead, I'll seek to enhance the club's reputation by my attitude and actions.
- Recognise that we're a volunteer-run club and we all have time or skills to add. Help the coach or officials at training and games, including packing up and cleaning up. Be involved in club life whenever possible - volunteering, fundraising social events etc.
- Inform the coach when I'm unable to attend training.
- Display responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs.

Coaches

- Promote fair play above winning, enabling players to develop a love of football.
- Respect the rights and worth of every person, regardless of their age, race, gender, ability, cultural background, sexuality, or religion. Discrimination, harassment, and bullying will not be tolerated. Instead, I'll seek to enhance the club's reputation by my attitude and actions.

- Encourage children to comply with disciplinary expectations appropriate to their age and make them aware that bullying or other inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated at any time.
- Act with integrity, ensuring that my language, physical contact and relationships are appropriate at all times, in line with our Safeguarding Policy.
- Respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each player and encourage them with positive and constructive feedback.
- Keep to our team selection policies.
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents and for the judgement of officials and opposing coaches.
- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young players.
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
- Display responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs.

Parents/Spectators

- Encourage my child to participate, do their best and have fun.
- Focus on my child's effort and performance, rather than winning or losing. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Model appropriate behaviour, including respect for other players and officials. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities. Instead, I'll seek to enhance the club's reputation by my attitude and actions.
- Ensure my child's regular attendance at training and games. If my child is unable to attend a game or training sessions, I will let the coach know in advance.
- Recognise that we're a volunteer-run club and we all have time or skills to add. Help out the coach or officials at training and games, and be involved in club life when possible.
- Display responsible behaviour in relation to alcohol and other drugs.

Administrators

- Ensure quality supervision and instruction for players.
- Support coaches and officials to improve their skills and competencies.
- Act honestly, in good faith and in the best interests of the sport as a whole.
- Ensure that any information acquired, or advantage gained from the position is not used improperly.
- Promote safeguarding of children and respectful behaviour of all members and spectators. Take seriously any complaints or reports of inappropriate action.

Breaches of the above codes may result in disciplinary action.