Ferring Football Club

Parents & Spectators Code of Conduct

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

It is documented match officials leave the game each season as a result of abuse or intimidation they receive on and off the pitch. For children to be able to play games, we need these officials to remain in the game and to be able to do their role to the best of their ability. Mistakes may happen and as parents/fans we must always be positive. Negative comments or behaviour is detrimental to both officials and players alike.

We must make every effort to ensure football can be enjoyed in a positive and safe environment for all, I will:

• Remain outside the field of play and behind the designated spectator's area (where provided).

• Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour.

• Always respect match officials' decisions.

• Applaud effort and good play as well as success, for our team and our opposition.

• Keep the playing environment safe for the children by not partaking in any alcoholic consumption prior to or during a football event.

• Support the club and its decisions in a fair and positive manner.

• Allow the coaches to educate and coach the players in the club's defined way without interference.

• Discuss anything I may not agree with, in a controlled and arranged time, with a club official – away from the children.

• Be responsible for any other children I bring that are not taking part in any training sessions or matches.

• Not mention scores online or on any social media sites for any team under 11 years of age, or post photographs of any of child except my own on any internet sites without appropriate parent's permission i.e. Facebook, Instagram etc.

• Not make comments that are negative or detrimental to the club, volunteers, players, or other teams.

In addition, when attending youth games, I will:

• Remember that children play for fun.

• Let the coaches do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do.

• Encourage the players to respect the opposition and match officials.

• Never criticise a player for making a mistake – mistakes are part of learning.

• Not behave or make comments in or outside the club that are negative or detrimental to the club, volunteers, players, or other teams.

As a parent/spectator I understand that any of my actions that breach this code of conduct may result in my immediate removal of the current environment (could be club area or match area) and may also result in action being taken by my county FA and the FA.