

Minehead Youth FC - Code of Conduct for Players

As a Club Minehead Youth recognise that Players are the most important people in the sport. Playing for the team and playing to win is the most fundamental part of the game. However, Fair Play and respect for all others in the game is also fundamentally important.

Players should:

1. Show due respect to Match Officials and their decisions, before/during/after a game.
2. Show due respect towards the Team Officials of the opposition team.
3. Encourage, support and help each other at all times.
4. Play for the team and work hard and look after each other.
5. Win, lose or draw - show good sportsmanship ie. shake hands with the opposition.
6. Always be on time for training and matches.
7. Treat opponents with due respect at all times, irrespective of the result of the game.
8. Avoid words or actions which may mislead a Match Official.
9. Follow the instructions of their Coach and Team Officials.
10. Wear the correct clothing for football training and matches including shin pads (note that you will **NOT** be allowed to play matches without shin pads).
11. Pay all Match or Training Subs on the day. Persistent Non Payment of Subs can result in Suspension or Expulsion from the Club.

Players should not:

1. Blame others for any mistakes made.
2. Shout at, swear, physically abuse or bully team or club members.
3. Make racist, sexist, religious or other discriminatory and offensive comments.
4. Be abusive to or argue with any match official or opposition players and officials or the Team Manager.
5. Wear their Minehead Football Kit outside of a Football Match. This is not allowed.
6. Behave in any way that could bring the Minehead Youth Football Club into disrepute.

Any behaviour that could bring Minehead Youth Football Club into disrepute in any way will be dealt with severely. Children need to be aware that simply by wearing the Club Tracksuit they are seen to be representing their Club. The Club want the children to wear these tracksuits with pride but if by doing so they bring the Club into disrepute any such incidents that arise will be dealt with by the Executive Disciplinary Committee

It is the duty of any team official, parent or spectator to report any player who persistently breaches any of these Codes of Conduct. The issue will then be dealt with by the Welfare Officer and the Executive Disciplinary Committee.

Minehead Youth FC - Code of Conduct for Parents

All parents and guardians should make sure that:

1. The Player wears the correct kit/clothing for football Training and Matches.
2. The child is delivered to and collected after Training and Matches by the appropriate person and at the right time.
3. The Player turns up for Training/Matches with the correct subs. Persistent non payment of Subs can result in Suspension or Expulsion from the Club. Issues of Non Payment will be dealt with by the Executive Committee

Parents and Spectators should not:

1. Attempt to coach the players or undermine the Manager whilst they are playing.
2. Argue, swear, criticise, become violent or aggressive or use sarcasm towards any Official, player or spectator.
3. Criticise players for their mistakes, putting the players under pressure to perform and win.
4. Behave in any way that could bring the Club into disrepute

Parents and Spectators should:

1. Respect the referee's decision at all times.
2. Show respect to all club and match officials as well as to opposition players and parents
3. Look to praise all children - not just their own.
4. Praise good behaviour quickly to show that both the Team and the Club value it.
5. Praise effort and performance more than results, emphasizing playing first and winning second.
6. Help children to understand the rules of football.
7. Adhere to the club's standards and policies on Child Protection, raising any concerns with the Club Welfare Officer or Team Manager

In particular, parents are reminded that the Referee is totally in charge of the match and they should not question the decisions he or other match officials make in any way.

All parents are expected to behave at all times in a manner that will not bring Minehead Youth Football Club into disrepute in any way.

Team managers are instructed to report any failure to adhere to the Clubs Codes of Conduct to the Club Welfare Officer who will then, if deemed necessary, pass the details on to the Executive Disciplinary Committee who shall have the power to warn parents as to future conduct, advise parents and guardians that they are no longer welcome to attend games, and, in extreme circumstances, the parent and the playing member may also be suspended or expelled from the club.

Will all Parents please remember:-

Most children can be easily led, are keen to please and can be prone to over enthusiasm. Children often find it hard to understand criticism and negative comments and can react badly to this. Children do not mean to make mistakes but it is important that when they do make mistakes that they learn from them, it is all part of the learning curve!