



Blyth Spartans AFC

Coaches, Team Managers and Club Officials Code of Conduct

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Blyth Spartans AFC share and encourage the FA's Code of Respect, we believe that we all have the responsibility to promote the highest standards of behaviour. Coaches, Team Managers and Club Officials have a significant role to play in this. All coaches, managers and club officials must follow this code of conduct and treat your team, other players, and match officials with Respect.

Coaches, Team Managers and Club Officials:

On and off the field, I will:

- Always show respect to everyone involved in the game.
- Stick to the rules and celebrate the spirit of the game.
- Encourage fair play and high standards of behaviour.
- Always respect the referee and match officials whilst encouraging players to do the same.
- Never enter the field of play without the Referee's permission.
- Never engage in, or tolerate offensive, insulting, or abusive behaviour.
- Be aware of the potential impact of bad language on others.
- Be gracious in victory and defeat.
- Respect the facilities home and away.

When working with players, I will:



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- Place the well-being, safety, and enjoyment of each player above everything.
- Never tolerate any form of bullying.
- Ensure that all activities are suitable for the players' ability and age.
- Work with others (e.g. officials, doctors, welfare officers, physiotherapists) for each player's best interest.
- I will make myself familiar with safeguarding practices and review FA guidance documents on the safeguarding section of **EnglandFootball.com** concerning:

1) Physical Contact and Young People (5.6)

2) Acceptable Behaviours When Working with Young People (5.7)

I understand that if I do not follow the code, I may:

- Required to meet with the Club Committee, League or CFA Designated Safeguarding Officer.
- Suspended by the club from attending matches.
- Suspended or fined by County FA.
- Required to leave, lose my position and/or have my licence withdrawn.



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