



Mid Lancashire Colts Junior Football League

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LEAGUE CODE OF CONDUCT

It is absolutely essential for the well running of this league that all players, parents, guardians, spectators and coaches are aware of and abide by our code of conduct. This is a friendly league and we would like the children to be able to play, develop and express themselves in a positive atmosphere free from foul and abusive language, undue pressure, embarrassment or prejudice.

- Treat each person equally within the context of the particular sport. Praise positive aspects of play and avoid becoming frustrated or ridiculing children by focussing on their failings.
- Club Officials and Spectators must place the well-being and safety of the players above all other considerations, including the development of performance. In addition no undue influence must be exerted on the players in order to gain personal benefit or reward.
- Club Officials and Spectators must appreciate that each player's involvement in playing football should primarily be for their own personal enjoyment. The Club Officials' and Spectators enjoyment is only secondary to this.
- Club Officials and Spectators must let the players play without being embarrassed by screaming from the touchline. Players often become distracted and confused by different instructions shouted by spectators along the line and as a result their performance suffers. Spectators should trust the Club Officials to do their jobs and guide the players. Encourage players and praise as an alternative.
- Players, Club Officials and Spectators must consistently display high standards of behaviour adhering to the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play). Foul and abusive language will not be tolerated.
- Players, Club Officials and Spectators must appreciate the importance of striving to win, not winning itself. Club Officials and Spectators must ensure that their behaviour in front of players does not contradict this ethic.
- Spectators, Club Officials and substitute Players should stand along either touchline at least 5 yards back. Spectators should make every effort not to encroach past this 5-yard radius. Nobody whatsoever should stand behind the goal or either end of the pitch. Remember the pitch is for players – nobody else.

Please show respect for the home team by leaving the pitch side and changing rooms litter free.

- Players and spectators are requested to respect the referee and any decisions made (without referees, there are no matches).
- Players, Club Officials and Spectators must respect the rights, dignity and worth of each and everyone.