



AFC Oakley M&DH

FA Respect Code of Conduct For Players



AFC Oakley M&DH takes responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game and undertake the FA's Respect Code of Conduct. The club would ask members to observe the FA's Respect Code of Conduct for players at all times.

When playing football, we will:

- Always play to the best of our ability
- Play fairly – we won't cheat, complain or waste time
- Respect our team-mates, the other team, the referee or our coach / manager
- Play by the rules, as directed by the referee
- Shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game
- Listen and respond to what our coach / team manager tells us
- Talk to someone we trust or the club welfare officer if we are unhappy about anything at our club.

We understand that if we do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by the club, County FA or The FA. We may:

- Be required to apologise to our team-mates, the other team, referee or team manager
- Receive a formal warning from the coach or the club committee
- Be dropped or substituted
- Be suspended from training
- Be required to leave the club.

In addition AFC Oakley M&DH requests that players take care to:

- Always behave in an appropriate manner, and respect others.
- Listen and respond to what the coach, team manager or other officials are saying, and accept decisions made by club officials.
- Talk to someone they trust, or the club welfare officer, if they are unhappy about something at the club.
- Attend training and matches with appropriate clothing and equipment. Shin-pads are a requirement for all activities, and a drinks bottle is also advised. In winter months, players should attend with warm and waterproof layers and gloves. Footwear is inspected by referees at every match, and studs should be adequately maintained and replaced where necessary.
- Make every effort to attend mid-week training sessions and weekend matches for the duration of the season.
- Notify the manager as soon as it is known that a player will be absent for a training session or a match, including over half-term, Christmas and Easter holidays. Leagues may schedule some matches for the holiday periods, and a manager must give four weeks notice to the league to request a free weekend if many players are to be away.
- Inform the coaching staff as soon as possible if any contact details change during the season.



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FA Respect Code of Conduct For Spectators and Parents/Carers



AFC Oakley M&DH takes responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game and undertake the FA's Respect Code of Conduct.

The club is supporting the FA's Respect programme to ensure football can be played in a safe, positive environment. We remember that children's football is a time for them to develop their technical, physical, tactical and social skills, and winning isn't everything.

The club would ask that any spectators and parents or carers observe the FA's Respect Code of Conduct at all times.

We request that spectators and parents/carers:

- Remain outside the field of play and behind the Designated Spectator Area (where provided)
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Always respect the match officials' decisions
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success
- Stay with their child while they are at training or matches, or ensure that permission has been given to leave a child with the coach or manager.
- 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
- Accept the decisions of club officials who are managing the team, and if there are any concerns, these can be discussed with the management team or Welfare Officer.

The following actions may be taken by the Club, County FA, league or the FA against spectators who do not follow the Code:

- Issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official.
- Required to meet with the club, league or County FA Welfare Officer.
- Required to meet with the club committee.
- Obligated to undertake an FA education course.
- Obligated to leave the match venue by the club.
- Requested by the club not to attend future games.
- Suspended or have my club membership removed.
- Required to leave the club along with any dependents.

In addition:

- The FA/County FA could impose a fine and/or suspension on the club.



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FA Respect Code of Conduct For Coaches, Managers and Officials



AFC Oakley M&DH takes responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game. In The FA's survey of 37,000 grassroots participants, behaviour was the biggest concern in the game. This included the abuse of match officials and the unacceptable behaviour of over competitive parents, spectators and coaches on the side-line.

All adult members with an active role within the Club are asked to observe the FA Respect Code of Conduct in everything they do:

On and off the field, members will:

- Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition.
- players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators.
- Adhere to the laws and spirit of the game.
- Promote Fair Play and high standards of behaviour.
- Always respect the match official's decision.
- Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission.
- Never engage in public criticism of the match officials.
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.

When working with players, members will:

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning.
- Explain exactly what I expect of players and what they can expect from me.
- Ensure all parents/carers of all players under the age of 18 understand these expectations.
- Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying.
- Develop mutual trust and respect with every player to build their self-esteem.
- Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- Ensure all activities I organise are appropriate for the players' ability level, age and maturity.
- Co-operate fully with others in football (e.g. officials, doctors, physiotherapists, welfare officers) for each player's best interests.

Members are to understand if they do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by the Club, County FA, league or The FA:

- Required to meet with the club, league or County Welfare Officer.
- Required to meet with the club committee.
- Monitored by another club coach.
- Required to attend an FA education course.
- Suspended by the club from attending matches.
- Suspended or fined by the County FA.
- Required to leave or be sacked by the club.

In addition:

- Member's FACA (FA Coaches Association) membership may be withdrawn.