

# Bedlington Town F. C.

## Parents/Spectator Code of Conduct



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Parents and spectators have a great influence on children's enjoyment and success in football. It is the aim of this Club to promote the highest standards of sportsmanship and fair play and to ensure the "spirit" of the game is never abused.

I therefore agree that:

1. I will not force my child to participate in a match or training session. My child taking part will be his/her own choice
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for the children, not the adults
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others
4. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child. I will encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy to all participants and demonstrate positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other activity/event promoting this club
5. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands or using inappropriate language or gestures
6. I will not encourage any behaviour or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of any player
7. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflict without resorting to hostility or violence. I will praise good behaviour to show adults value it
8. I will encourage my child to treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect, regardless of race, creed, colour, sex or ability
9. I will teach my child that doing his/her best is more important than winning so that he/she will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her Performance
10. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard which will make my child feel like a winner every time
11. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a game - mistakes are part of learning
12. I will emphasise skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning
13. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of players of the game ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win
14. I will respect the match officials decisions and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront the coach at the game. I will take time to speak with the coach at a mutually agreed time and place

15. I will not possess or consume alcohol outside of any designated bar area at any game, tournament or other sporting venue.

16. I will not smoke tobacco at any training session, game or tournament. If I need to smoke, I will do so in an area specifically designated for this purpose.

17. I (and any guests) will not allow pets on to the playing or training facility at any time.

18. I will respect the rights of the coach to conduct team talks in private and will not attempt to interfere or influence in any way.

19. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices unless I am one of the official coaches of the team - I will simply encourage him/her to do his/her best

20. I will remain outside the field of play and behind the Designated Spectator Area at all times

21. I will advise the coach/manager as soon as I am aware that my child is unable to attend a training session or fixture.

I agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by Club Official, Coach, Manager or League Official
- Written Warning
- Parental suspension with written documentation of the incident retained on file
- Game forfeit through the Club Official or Coach
- Suspension from attendance at Club fixtures and events
- Expulsion from the Club

I agree to abide by this code of conduct and understand that it is issued in the interests of everyone concerned with BEDLINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB.

Signed.....Name.....

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Parent/Guardian/Carer of .....

Dated .....Team Name/Age.....

**Please ensure this document is signed by both parents and handed back to your Manager.**