



## **EAGLES UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB**

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

In order to continue to progress and develop as a reputable football club all Club Officials, Players, Parents and Spectators must observe the Club's rules and do their utmost to maintain the good name and reputation of Eagles United Football Club and the leagues they play in. Before any player is allowed to register and play for Eagles United Football Club both parent and player must read this Code of Conduct and undertake to abide by the guidelines as set out below.

### **Officials and Coaches Code of Conduct**

All managers and coaches have agreed to abide by the code listed below:

- Ensure the personal safety of every player is the first priority while in his or her care.
- Lead by example in terms of behaviour, language and attitude whilst leading their team. This includes avoiding any confrontation with the opposing team and its members, your team and its members and referees or league officials.
- Do not force an unwilling child to participate in football.
- Never place any of their players at any risk other than those expected on the field of play.
- Ensure that each and every player is correctly dressed with the necessary safety equipment, shin pads etc. before being allowed to play.
- Get treatment for an injured player immediately and co-operate fully with any specialists in the best interest of the player.
- Never physically or mentally push children beyond their abilities. The child's health and well-being is far more important than the game.
- Encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance. Never condone unacceptable behaviour by not acting upon it.
- Always be on time on training and match days.
- Provide the best quality training they can in line with their ability and the expertise available to Eagles United Football Club.
- Remember that children take part in sports and games for their own fun and enjoyment. They are not there to entertain you.
- To provide as much notice as possible of training or matches that have been arranged or cancelled.

- Team Selection will be fair in terms of training display, attitude, fitness and ability.

## **Players Code of Conduct**

All players must agree to these before they sign for Eagles United Football Club.

- Always play by the laws of the game.
- Behave in a manner that is expected by the team, club and league.
- Control your temper and use your energies for playing better football.
- Never argue with the referee or other officials under any circumstances.
- Never abuse (physically or verbally) any player, parent, manager, officials or coaches of any team including match officials as this may lead to instant exclusion from Eagles United Football Club.
- Players must be registered with the Club and have paid the appropriate fees before they can play in any game for the club.
- Endeavour to be on time for training sessions and matches.
- Bring the correct equipment to both training & matches and ensure these are clean and respectable.
- To be respectful to all players, parents, managers, officials and coaches of all teams.
- Never criticize other players in your team or the opposing team.
- Always be honest to your manager especially if asked about your fitness.
- Pay any fine imposed by the Football Association, League or club.
- Ensure you call or notify your Manager in the event that you are unavailable for training or matches.
- Failing to inform your Manager could mean you do not play unless you have a very good reason for your absence.
- Never arrive for matches or training in an unfit state ie. under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances. The manager has the right to remove a player from selection if they believe this is the case and refer the incident to the Chairman of the club.
- Encourage all members of Eagles United Football Club.
- Remind your parents/guardians of their code of conduct.

## **Parents/Guardians Code of Conduct**

All parents/Guardians must agree to these in order for your child to represent Eagles United Football Club.

- Do not force an unwilling child to participate in football.

- Remember that children take part in sports and games for their own fun and enjoyment, not yours.
- Teach your child that honest effort is more important than victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Turn losing into winning by helping your child work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship.
- Never ridicule or yell at your child or other children for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good play by your own team and by members of the opposition.
- Never openly criticize match officials or verbally or physically abuse them. This may lead to disciplinary action from the Football association, the League and the club.
- Encourage your child to play football according to the laws of the game and not to argue with referees or other officials. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's football.
- Offer assistance to your child's manager whenever possible. (Help with the Goals, running the line etc.)
- Always encourage your child's team and their opposition.
- Ensure your child abides by their code of conduct.
- Recognize the value and importance of coaches. They give up their time and resources to provide football for your child.
- Never openly criticize officials of the club, remember they are all unpaid volunteers, talk to them in private and if you are still not happy talk to the Chairman or the Secretary of Eagles United Football Club.
- Keep up to date with club payments.
- Do not interfere with team selection unless openly invited by the manager as it is their sole responsibility.
- Players, parents and Club Officials are expected to participate in all fund raising events as and when necessary.

### **Spectators Code of Conduct**

- Remember that children take part in sports and games for their own fun and enjoyment. Not yours.
- Be on your best behaviour. Do not use profane language or harass (physically or verbally) players, managers, coaches, referees or officials.
- Applaud all good play by your own team and other team.
- Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game.

- Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake during a game.
- Condemn the use of violence and verbal abuse.
- Respect the referee and official's decisions. Remember they are only human with the same feelings as you and, like you, sometimes they make an honest error.
- Encourage players always to play according to the laws of the game.
- Read the laws of the game to better understand what you are looking at, and commenting on.
- Promote this code of conduct amongst other spectators.