



Code of conduct for Players, Managers, Coaches, Officials and Spectators

Players

1. All players are to report for training and matches at the times stated. Any player unable to train or attend a scheduled match should notify their Team Manager 48 hours prior to the start of the activity. All players should make every effort to develop their own sporting abilities, in terms of skill, technique and stamina.
2. All players should have the correct attitude towards training, with a mix of enjoyment and serious commitment. They should give maximum effort and performance during games and training sessions. They should set a positive example to others, particularly young players and supporters.
3. Foul and abusive language will not be tolerated.
4. All players must adhere to Fair Play and abide by the Laws of the Game. Treat opponents with due respect at all times and accept defeat and success gracefully. Safeguard the well-being of opponents and avoid violence.
5. All players must show respect too and accept the match official's decision as final.
6. Any player incurring fines issued by either their county football association or local league will be suspended until such time as payment is made.
7. The club will provide a shirt, shorts and socks for matches, but players must provide themselves and wear proper footwear and shin pads. Players must tuck shirts into their shorts when representing the club. No dirty football boots to be worn on match days or cleaned in the pavilion or dressing rooms.
8. No player must take banned substances or use banned techniques.
9. When playing you will: always play to the best of your ability, play fairly – you won't cheat, complain or waste time; Respect team-mates, the other team, the referee or the 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 and listen and respond to what the coach/team manager tells you.

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

I may:

- Be required to apologise to my 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:

- My club, County FA or The FA may make my parent or carer aware of any infringements of the Code of Conduct
- The FA/County FA could impose a fine and suspension against my club

Managers, Coaches and Officials

1. Managers, Coaches and Officials must respect the rights, dignity and worth of each and every person and treat them equally. They show Respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators.
2. They must place the well-being and safety of each player above all other considerations, including the development of performance. They must not discriminate anyone in relation to ethnic, religious or physical backgrounds. They must not exert undue influence to obtain personal credit and must recognise effort and achievement by players.
3. They must adhere to all guidelines laid down by governing bodies, including all qualifications and accreditations required by the Football Association to coach youth football.
4. They must not use or tolerate inappropriate language and must display a high level of behaviour. They must adhere to the laws and spirit of the game, and promote Fair Play and high standards of behaviour.
5. They must not condone violations of the Laws of the Game, rules and regulations of the game.
6. They must prohibit the use of illegal substances and techniques.
7. When working with players, they will: Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, and explain exactly what is expected of players and what they can expect from the coach.

Spectators/Parents

1. We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game. This club is supporting The FA's Respect programme to ensure football can be enjoyed in a safe, positive environment.
2. Remember children's football is a time for them to develop their technical, physical, tactical and social



skills.

3. Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for spectators and parents/ carers at all times

I will:

- Remember that children play for FUN.
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success
- Always Respect the match officials' decisions
- Remain outside the field of play and within the Designated Spectators' Area
- Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Encourage the players to Respect the opposition, referee and match officials
- Avoid criticising a player for making a mistake – mistakes are part of learning
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour

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

I may be:

- Issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official.
- Required to meet with the club, league or CFA 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

In General

Headley Youth Football Club will not tolerate sexual or racially based harassment or other discriminatory behaviour, whether physical or verbal and will work to ensure that such behaviour is met with appropriate action in whatever context it occurs. Any breaches of the above will result in disciplinary action against those responsible.

Anti-bullying policy: <https://headleyyouthfc.co.uk/the-fa-anti-bullying-policy-for-clubs/>

Safeguarding children policy: <https://headleyyouthfc.co.uk/safeguarding/>