COMMUNITY SPORTS FOUNDATION

SPECTATORS, PARENTS AND CARERS CODE OF CONDUCT

Policy Outline

The Foundation has a code of conduct that outlines the behaviour expected of all spectators, parents and carers. The Foundation has identified the important part that spectators, parents, guardians and carers can have in influencing how players/ participants behave and conduct themselves. It is therefore their responsibility to promote an environment that is safe, positive and enjoyable. Spectators, parents and carers should remember that the activities provided by the Foundation are there to develop players/ participants physical, technical, tactical and social skills

Individuals attending/ participating in activities provided by the Foundation, must treat everyone equally and sensitively regardless of age, disability, gender, race, ethnic origin, culture or social background, sexual orientation, religious belief, political affiliation or any other personal characteristic/feature. The Foundation is opposed to any form of violent, abusive, offensive or discriminatory behaviour and will act accordingly to individuals who do not abide by this code of conduct.

At all times I will:

- Remember that children play football or take part in sporting events for fun.
- Let the coaches do their job and not confuse players/ participants by telling them what to do.
- Applaud effort and good play.
- Avoid criticising a player/ participant for making a mistake.
- Remember that mistakes are a vital part of learning.
- Never engage in, tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour during Foundation activities.
- Never be confrontational or aggressive to a coach, staff member or volunteer.
- Encourage players/ participants to respect others whether they are opposition, referees or match officials.
- Never take photographs or videos of players/ participants that you are not responsible for.
- Ensure that emergency contact details are kept updated with the Foundation.
- Ensure that medical information relating to players/ participants is regularly updated with the Foundation.
- Ensure that players/ participants attend all activities with the required kit, medication, food and water.
- Promote an environment that is safe, positive and enjoyable.
- Report breaches of the code of conduct to the programme lead and designated safeguarding officer.

Failure to comply may result in:

- Being asked to leave the venue by the lead member of staff.
- Being issued with a verbal warning from the Designated Safeguarding Officer.
- Being required to attend a meeting with the programme lead and the Designated Safeguarding Officer.
- Being requested to not attend any future sessions/ fixtures.
- Suspension from the Foundations activities.
- A requirement to attend a spectator, parent and carers conduct workshop.
- Being reported to the FA.

Policy Review

Policy Issue Date	**April 2021**
Date of Next Update	**April 2022**

This code of conduct is next due for a general review on the above date. It may however be reviewed and updated earlier, in the event of a change in Foundation requirements, or relevant legislation.