

Bedford Ladies and Girls Football Club

Code of Conduct

It is vitally important that our club develops players both socially and technically and that we set the highest possible standard of conduct that we can.

Our code of conduct covers players, coaches, parents and match officials and if all parties respect and adhere to this, we will continue to establish our reputation as a club which represents fair play, safety, consistency and enjoyment for all.

All members of the Club accept that from time to time photographs, videos etc may be taken of players and their families and friends to be used for promotional and/or training purposes. Anyone objecting to having their or their child(s)/children(s) photograph taken and/or being filmed must inform the Club in writing.

Coaches

- Set a positive example for others, particularly young players and supporters
- Promote and develop their own team having regard to the interest of the players, supporters and reputation of the national game
- Share knowledge and experience when invited to do so, taking into account the interest of the body that has requested this rather than personal interests
- Avoid all forms of gamesmanship
- Show due respect to all others involved in the game
- Always have regard to the best interests of the game, including where publicly expressing an opinion of the game and any particular aspect of it, including others involved in the game
- Not use or tolerate inappropriate language
- Make every effort to develop the sporting, technical and tactical levels of the club/team, and to obtain the best results by the team, using all permitted means
- Give priority to the interests of the team over individual interests
- Resist all illegal or unsporting influences, including banned substances and techniques
- Promote ethical principles
- Show due respect to the interests of players, coaches and other officials, at their own club/team and others
- Show due respect to the interests of supporters
- Accept the decisions of the Match Official without protest
- Avoid words or actions that may mislead a Match Official
- Show due respect towards Match Officials
- Must respect the rights, dignity and worth of each and every person and treat each equally within the context of the sport
- Must place the well-being and safety of each player above all other considerations, including the development of performance
- Must adhere to all guidelines laid down by FACA and the Rules of The Football Association
- Must develop an appropriate working relationship with each player based on mutual trust and respect
- Must not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward
- Must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance
- Must ensure that the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players
- Should, at the outset, clarify with the players (and where appropriate, parents) exactly what is expected of them and also what they are entitled to expect from their coach
- Must always promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. Fair Play) and never condone violations of the Laws of the Game, behaviour contrary to the spirit of the Laws of the Game or relevant rules and regulations or the use of prohibited substances or techniques
- Must consistently display high standards of behaviour and appearance

Players

- Make every effort to attend and commit to training sessions
- Make every effort to develop her own sporting abilities, in terms of skill, technique, tactics and stamina
- Give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during a game, even if her team is in a position where the desired result has already been achieved
- Set a positive example for others, particularly young players and supporters
- Avoid all forms of gamesmanship and time-wasting
- Always have regard to the best interests of the game, including where publicly expressing an opinion on the game and any particular aspect of it, including others involved in the game
- Not use inappropriate language
- Make every effort consistent with Fair Play and the Laws of the Game to help her own team win
- Resist any influence that might, or might be seen to, bring into question her commitment to the team winning
- Know and abide by the Laws, rules and spirit of the game, and the competition rules
- Accept success and failure, victory and defeat, equally
- Resist any temptation to take banned substances or use banned techniques
- Treat opponents with due respect at all times, irrespective of the result of the game
- Safeguard the physical fitness of opponents, avoid violence and rough play, and help injured opponents
- Accept the decisions of the Match Official without protest
- Avoid words or actions that may mislead a Match Official
- Show due respect towards Match Officials
- Abide by the instructions of her Coach and Team Officials, provided they do not contradict the spirit of this code
- Show due respect towards the Team Officials of the opposition
- Show due respect to the interests of supporters

Match Officials

- Make every effort to prepare fully for a match, both physically and mentally. On a physical level, a referee must be able to keep up with the speed of the modern game and be alert and close enough to take correct decisions from credible locations on the field of play
- Not be afraid to take decisions; a referee should be fair and firm and must resist any possible influence from protests on the part of players, team official or spectators
- Show respect towards players and team officials
- Be honest and completely impartial at all times, irrespective of the teams, players or team officials involved in the match
- Decline to be appointed to a match if not completely physically or mentally fit to referee that match (because of illness, injury, or for family or other reasons)
- Always have regard for the best interests of the game, including where publicly expressing an opinion on the game or any particular aspect of it, including others involved in the game
- Not tolerate inappropriate language from players and/or officials
- A referee should have regard to protecting the players
- A referee should show due respect when speaking with the players, even in the event of infringements
- In reports, a referee should set out the true facts and not attempt to justify any decisions
- A referee should refrain from publicly expressing any criticism of fellow referees, assistant referees or other match officials
- A referee should assist with the development of less experienced referees and assistant referees
- An assistant referee should give his total support to the referee, but without undue interference or insistence

Parents

- Make every effort to ensure their child(ren) attend and commit to training sessions
- Should ensure their children are appropriately equipped
- Make the coach aware of changes to routine and if a player is unable to train or play
- Should not use or tolerate inappropriate language
- Should be responsible for organising the drop off and pick up of their children at the specified venue and time arranged
- Show due respect to opposing supporters, match officials, coaches and players
- Show due respect to fellow supporters, match officials, coaches and players
- Be supportive of the club, team and coach win, lose or draw
- Make the coach or club official aware if any issue arises that may affect their child or the club in general
- Promote fair play, sportsmanship and set a positive example to others
- Give priority to the interests of the team over individual interests
- Ensure Club Secretary is informed in writing if you wish to opt out of our photo policy, which allows anyone to take and publish the Club with photos or videos.