



WITCHFORD COLTS Football Club

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F.A. Charter Standard Football Award

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Dear Parents, Carers, Coaches and players,

The club would like to respectfully remind all players, parents, carers, spectators and coaches of the Respect Code of Conduct. Witchford Colts is dedicated to the safety, well-being, development and progression of its players. This includes good sportsmanship and following the Respect Code as well as football skills and enjoying the game.

Each season we ask the players to sign on for the club, it is with the understanding that the players and their parents and carers understand and abide by the Respect Code of Conduct. By signing the form, you are agreeing to the rules which are set out by the FA and the club.

The club has been very tolerant of attitudes of players and parents in the past, however, it is something that is now taken more seriously by the FA, and as a club, we will promote the highest standards of behaviour.

The basic rules for players is that they play fairly, to the best of their ability and respect the rules of the game, the other players and decisions made by referees and other officials. We also expect players to respect their coaches, listen to them and respond to what they are being told. All coaches and club officials are volunteers, and give up many hours of personal time to the club and the teams they are involved in.

Likewise for the parents of players and spectators at matches, they have a responsibility to promote good behaviour. The parents, team managers and spectators also need to abide by decisions during the game by **any official**. Many referees are young lads, it is not easy to do, when lots of adults are shouting that you have made the wrong decision. Also, they may make mistakes, but that is part of their development too. Please let the coaches do their job, encourage your player to listen and respond. We also welcome new coaches, if you would like to be involved, let us know and we can discuss the options available. Finally; **no abusive, threatening or aggressive behaviour.**

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Failure to adhere to these rules will result in action being taken by the club. It may be a quiet word with player or parents, or with continued poor behaviour, the player will not be selected for matches, or may even be asked to leave the club.

The same applies to parents and spectators, if the club feels someone's behaviour is continually inappropriate, they may be required to meet with the committee, or be banned from matches.

Poor behaviour from the opposition isn't an excuse for us as a club and individuals to ignore Respect guidelines.

If the FA receives a complaint about the club from another club, or Manager or opposition parents, they have the power to issue a fine or even remove a team from the league, or suspend the club (all teams) completely. **We are ALL responsible for behaviour**, this includes **ALL Managers and coaches**.

The club also has a Social Media policy, which will also be issued to every club member. If any parent or players has issues or concerns, please contact the Child Welfare Officer, Chairman, Vice Chairman or Secretary. Details are available on request, or can be found on the club website. The AGM is usually held in June, all parents are welcome, but please do not wait until then, if there are any issues with safeguarding of children or any other concerns, please contact us as soon as possible, as this is something we take extremely seriously.

Signed on behalf of the Club Committee,

Nick Oakhill, Chairman Witchford Colts

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