

Malmesbury Youth Football Club



Code of Conduct

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Introduction

Malmesbury Youth Football Club (**MYFC**) is committed to providing a safe, fun, and inclusive environment for all players, coaches, volunteers, and spectators. This Code of Conduct outlines the standards of behaviour expected from everyone involved with our club to ensure we uphold the values of respect, sportsmanship, and fair play in line with the English Football Association (FA) Respect Codes of Conduct (further information relating to which can be found at [Explore - Respect | England Football | England Football](#)).

Players

MYFC football players are expected to:

- Always play their best for the benefit of the team
- Generally attend scheduled training sessions and matches
- Play fairly and be friendly
- Play by the rules and respect the Referee
- Shake hands with the other team – win or lose
- Listen to what the coach tells them
- Understand that a coach has to do what's best for the team
- Talk to someone they trust or the MYFC Welfare Officer if they are unhappy about anything at the club
- Encourage their team mates
- Respect the facilities home and away.

If a player does not follow this Code of Conduct they may:

- Be asked to apologise to whoever they have upset
- Receive a formal warning
- Be dropped, substituted or suspended from matches and/or training
- Be required to leave MYFC

Parents and Spectators

Parents and Spectators are expected to play their part at MYFC by:

- Having fun
- Celebrating effort and good play from both sides
- Always respecting the Referee and coaches and encouraging players to do the same
- Letting the coaches do their job and not confusing players by telling them what to do
- When players make mistakes, offering them encouragement to try again next time
- Never engaging in, or tolerating, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Staying behind the touchline and within the Designated Spectators' Area (where provided)

If a parent or spectator does not follow this Code of Conduct they may be:

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- Issued with a verbal warning or asked to leave
- Required to meet with the MYFC Committee, league or MYFC Welfare Officer
- Obligated to undertake an FA education course
- Requested not to attend future games or training sessions
- Required to leave MYFC along with any dependents and/or issued a fine

Coaches

MYFC coaches are expected to:

- Always show respect to everyone involved in the game
- Stick to the rules and celebrate the spirit of the game
- Encourage fair play and high standards of behaviour
- Always respect the Referee and encourage players to do the same
- Never enter the field of play without the Referee's permission
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive behaviour
- Be aware of the potential impact of bad language on others
- Be gracious in victory and defeat
- Respect the facilities home and away
- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything
- Never tolerate any form of bullying
- Ensure all activities are suited for the players' ability and age
- Work with other coaches and members of MYFC for each player's best interests
- Familiarise themselves with safeguarding practices and FA guidance on working with young people

If a coach does not follow this Code of Conduct they may be:

- Required to meet with the MYFC Committee, league or MYFC Welfare Officer
- Suspended from attending matches and/or training sessions
- Suspended or fined by the County FA
- Required to leave their position

Thank you for helping to ensure MYFC maintains a respectful and supportive atmosphere for young people to thrive in football. By participating in MYFC, all players, coaches, parents and spectators agree to abide by this Code of Conduct.