



Harlow Town Football Club

Youth Team Code of Conduct Agreement

This Code of Conduct outlines the standards of behaviour expected from all players and parents/guardians involved with youth teams at Harlow Town Football Club. By signing this document, you agree to support a safe, respectful, and enjoyable football environment for everyone.

Player Code of Conduct

As a player representing Harlow Town Football Club, I agree to:

1. **Respect Coaches and Officials**
 - Listen to and follow instructions from coaches and team staff.
 - Respect referees, coaches, managers, match officials and all members of staff.
2. **Respect Teammates and Opponents**
 - Treat teammates, opponents, and spectators with respect.
 - Encourage and support fellow players.
3. **Play Fair**
 - Always play by the rules and in the spirit of the game.
 - Avoid cheating, diving, or unsporting behaviour.
4. **Positive Attitude**
 - Always try my best in training and matches.
 - Accept decisions made by coaches and referees. Arguing with officials is not acceptable.
5. **Behaviour and Language**
 - Use respectful language at all times.
 - Avoid bullying, discrimination, and aggressive behaviour.
6. **Commitment**
 - Attend training and matches regularly and on time, wearing the correct kit.
 - Inform the coach in advance if unable to attend.
7. **Care for Equipment and Facilities**
 - Respect club equipment, pitches, and facilities.
 - Leave changing rooms and training areas tidy.
 - Wear correct football boots on the pitch. NO other footwear is permitted.

Failure to follow this code may result in disciplinary action which may include warnings, suspension from matches/training, or removal from the team.



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Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

As a parent or guardian, I agree to:

1. **Encourage Positive Participation**
 - Support my child and all players positively.
 - Focus on effort and enjoyment rather than winning.
2. **Ensure My Child Understands the Player Code of Conduct**
 - I will read through the player Code of Conduct with my child.
 - I will ensure my child understands the expectations for behaviour, respect and sportsmanship while representing Harlow Town F.C.
3. **Respect Coaches and Officials**
 - Respect the decisions of coaches and referees.
 - Coaching from the sidelines during matches is strictly prohibited. Shouts of positive reinforcements only.
4. **Promote Respectful Behaviour**
 - Show respect to players, coaches, opponents, and spectators.
 - Never engage in abusive, aggressive, or discriminatory behaviour.
5. **Support the Club**
 - Ensure my child attends training and matches on time in the correct kit.
 - Communicate with the coach if my child cannot attend.
6. **Safe and Positive Environment**
 - Help maintain a safe, inclusive, and enjoyable environment for all children.
7. **Communication**
 - Raise any concerns with coaches or club officials respectfully and privately.
 - Inform the club of medical conditions or concerns.
8. **General**
 - Never leave your child unattended at the club at any time, a responsible adult age 18 over must always be present.
 - Support club decisions and policies.
 - Not enter the pitch without permission and remain in dedicated spectator areas.
 - Follow all safety and emergency procedures.
 - Not to post on any on social media platforms, messaging groups or public forums, negative, abusive or inappropriate comments about players, coaches, referees, club officials, opponents or spectators.



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- Not to share images, videos or personal information about players without appropriate permission.

Failure to follow this code may result in warnings or being asked to leave training sessions or matches.

Harlow Town Football Club is committed to providing a safe, positive, and inclusive environment for all children participating in football. The welfare of every child is the club's highest priority, and all players have the right to enjoy football free from bullying, harassment, discrimination, or harm.

Players and parents/guardians are encouraged to speak up if they have any concerns about a child's welfare, behaviour, or safety. Any safeguarding or welfare concerns should be reported as soon as possible to the team coach, the club's Welfare Officer, or another club official so that appropriate action can be taken.

All concerns will be taken seriously and handled in line with safeguarding procedures recommended by The Football Association. Where necessary, concerns may be escalated to relevant safeguarding authorities to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children.

By signing this agreement, players and parents/guardians confirm that they agree to follow the standards outlined in this Code of Conduct, understand the club's commitment to safeguarding and agree to support a safe and respectful environment for everyone involved at Harlow Town Football Club.