



Liverpool School FA

Code of Conduct and Expectations for Players and Parents

Code of Conduct for Players

Players should:

- Regard it as an honour and privilege to represent Liverpool Schools FA
- Treat a match as a game that is to be enjoyed and played by the rules
- Take pride in your performance and that of your team
- Encourage others in your team to do their best
- Accept all decisions by match officials
- Let the Captain speak to the referee on behalf of the team if decisions made need to be clarified
- Recognise outstanding performances by opponents
- Demonstrate concern for an injured player regardless of their team
- Accept victory modestly
- Accept defeat with good manners and politeness
- Shake hands with opponents at the end of each games, regardless of outcome
- Thank referees and assistants after games
- Demonstrate behaviour of a high standard at all times. This includes in all LSFA activities, in school and out of school

Poor behaviour may include but not be limited to:

- Disrespect towards other players, staff, parents, officials and spectators
- Dishonesty
- Stealing
- Bullying
- Aggressive and/or abusive behaviour
- Threatening behaviour
- Behaviour causing a breakdown in trust between the player and the management
- Any other behaviour deemed to be unacceptable within the scope of good school behaviour

Mobile Phones:

- Secondary Players: Mobiles may be brought to games however they must be switched off and remain in bags from the time players arrive until the time they have left the changing rooms after the game.
- Primary Players: Mobile phones must not be brought to the changing rooms.

Expectations of Players

- Players should attend an agreed number of training sessions and games unless there is an acceptable reason for non-attendance
- Players should arrive at the agreed time for training and games
- Players should be available for all games they are selected for unless there is an acceptable reason for non-attendance
- **Players should accept the decision of managers and coaches as regards team selection and substitutions**

Disciplinary action and Sanctions

- The LSFA will support any sanction issued by LCFA which results in a yellow or red card or suspension for any reason.
- The LSFA default position is that players or parents will be liable for any fines resulting from disciplinary action. However the LSFA will consider individual circumstances based on mitigating and aggravating circumstances.

The player can digitally sign this form via the information form.

Code of Conduct for Parents

I understand that:

- Attendance at a game is a privilege
- My child's selection as part of a squad or team is a privilege
- I must respect decisions made by match officials
- I must not argue with or question referees or officials
- I should be a good role model by positively supporting your team
- I must respect other spectators, coaches and participants
- I must stand or sit in the place you have been allocated for a match/training
- I must not coach or offer advice to any players as a spectator
- I must accept victory modestly
- I must accept defeat with good manners and politeness

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Expectations of Parents

- Parents should ensure that players attend all training sessions unless there is an acceptable reason for non-attendance as agreed with the manager
- Parents should ensure that players arrive at the agreed time for training and games
- Parents should ensure that players attend all games they are selected for unless there is an acceptable reason for non-attendance as agreed with the manager
- **Parents should accept the decision of managers and coaches as regards team selection and substitutions in line with the playing and selection policy**

This code of conduct should be viewed alongside all other LSFA policies such that contravention of any stipulations or expectations in these also constitutes a breach of this code of conduct. Potential sanctions for this include but are not limited to:

- 1. Warning as to future conduct**
- 2. Suspension from team activities for a player and/or parent**
- 3. Expulsion from team activities for a player or a parent**

Such policies include but are not limited to:

- **Anti-Bullying Policy**
- **Behaviour Policy**

- **Safeguarding Policy**
- **Social Media Policy**
- **Trialing, selection and playing policy**

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