

# Castle Combe Colts Football Club - Codes Of Conduct

## **Overview and Summary**

Castle Combe Colts Football Club has adopted and abides by the Football Association's Codes of Conduct and Equality Policy. The Club prides itself on the behaviour of its players, coaches, managers and supporters. The following codes of conduct are designed to ensure that we continue to be held in high regard in local football circles and within the local community and conform to the club's aims of providing football for all ages in a friendly and supportive environment with the emphasis on teamwork.

## **Castle Combe Colts F.C. - A Code of Conduct for Football**

Football is the national game. All those involved with the game at every level and whether as a player, match official, coach, owner or administrator, have a responsibility, above and beyond compliance with the law, to act according to the highest standards of integrity, and to ensure that the reputation of the game is, and remains, high. This code applies to all those involved in football under the auspices of The Football Association.

### **Community**

Football, at all levels, is a vital part of a community. Football will take into account community feeling when making decisions.

### **Equality**

Football is opposed to discrimination of any form and will promote measures to prevent it, in whatever form, from being expressed.

### **Participants**

Football recognises the sense of ownership felt by those who participate at all levels of the game. This includes those who play, those who coach or help in any way, and those who officiate, as well as administrators and supporters. Football is committed to appropriate consultation.

### **Young People**

Football acknowledges the extent of its influence over young people and pledges to set a positive example.

### **Propriety**

Football acknowledges that public confidence demands the highest standards of financial and administrative behaviour within the game, and will not tolerate corruption or improper practices.

### **Trust and Respect**

Football will uphold a relationship of trust and respect between all involved in the game, whether they are individuals, clubs or other organisations.

### **Violence**

Football rejects the use of violence of any nature by anyone involved in the game.

### **Fairness**

Football is committed to fairness in its dealings with all involved in the game.

### **Integrity and Fair Play**

Football is committed to the principle of playing to win consistent with Fair Play.

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## Castle Combe Colts F.C. - Code of Conduct for Parents/Carers/Spectators

Parent's/carer's/spectator's expectations and attitudes have a significant bearing on a child's attitude towards:

- Other players.
- Officials.
- Managers.
- Spectators.

This club will ensure that parents/carers/spectators within our club are always positive and encouraging towards all of the children - not just their own - and will encourage parents/carers/spectators to:

- Applaud the opposition as well as your own team.
- Avoid coaching the child during the game
- Not to shout and scream
- Learn the Laws of the Game.
- Respect the referee's decision.
- Give attention to each of the children involved in football not just the most talented.
- Give encouragement to everyone to participate in football.
- Praise effort and performance more than results.
- Be a model of good sports behaviour.
- Show respect for your teams coach, the referee, opponents and other spectators

For the avoidance of doubt breaches of this Code of Conduct will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Verbal or physical abuse of another person;
- Harassment of individuals or a group;
- Inappropriate questioning of referees decisions;
- Ridicule, baiting or uttering obscenities;
- Engaging in behaviour that is not respectful of others;
- Negative comments;
- Entering the field of play;
- Obscene or discriminatory language;
- Arguing with officials or the opposition's supporters;
- Supporting bad behaviour by players;
- Interfering in the Managers role;
- Racism.

The club will ensure that parents/carers/spectators agree and adhere to the Code of Conduct and Child Protection Policy.

In addition to the above Code of Conduct parents/carers/spectators will comply with Castle Combe Colts FC's Supplementary Club Rules for parents/carers/spectators

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## Castle Combe Colts F.C. - Code of Conduct for Players

### **Obligations towards the game**

*A player should:*

- Make every effort to develop their own sporting abilities, in terms of skill, technique, tactics & stamina.
- Give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during a game, even if his 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 for 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.

### **Obligations towards one's own team**

*A player should:*

- Make every effort consistent with Fair Play and the Laws of the Game to help his own team win.
- Resist any influence, which might, or might be seen to, bring into question his commitment to the team winning.

### **Respect for the Laws of the Game and competition rules**

*A player should:*

- 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.

### **Respect towards Opponents**

*A player should:*

- 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.

### **Respect towards the Match Officials**

*A player should:*

- Accept the decision of the Match Official without protest.
- Avoid words or actions, which may mislead a Match Official.
- Show due respect towards Match Officials.

### **Respect towards Team Officials**

*A player should:*

- Abide by the instructions of their Coach and Team Officials, provided they do not contradict the spirit of this Code.
- Show due respect towards the Team Officials of the opposition.

### **Obligations towards the Supporters**

*A player should:*

- Show due respect to the interests of supporters.

In addition to the above Code of Conduct, players will comply with Castle Combe Colts FC's Supplementary Club Rules for players.

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## **Castle Combe Colts FC- Code of Conduct for Managers/Coaches**

Set out below is The FA Coaches Association Code of Conduct (which reflects the standards expressed by the National Coaching Foundation and the National Association of Sports Coaches) which forms the benchmark for all involved in coaching. Managers/Coaches must:

- 1) Respect the rights, dignity and worth of each and every person and treat each equally within the context of the sport. Instil confidence into players by praising good play at every opportunity.
- 2) Place the well-being and safety of each player above all other considerations, including the development of performance.
- 3) Adhere to all guidelines laid down by all governing bodies.
- 4) Develop an appropriate working relationship with each player based on mutual trust and respect.
- 5) Not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward.
- 6) Encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- 7) Ensure that the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players.
- 8) At the outset, clarify with the players (and, where appropriate, their parents) exactly what is expected of them and also what they are entitled to expect from their coach.
- 9) Co-operate fully with other specialists (e.g. other coaches, officials, doctors, sports scientists, physiotherapists) in the best interests of the player.
- 10) 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.
- 11) Consistently display high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- 12) Not use or tolerate inappropriate language.
- 13) Always accept decisions by match officials, even when you don't agree with them.
- 14) Always be a positive role model by setting good examples

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## Castle Combe Colts F.C. - Code of Conduct for Team Officials

This Code applies to all team / club officials (although some items may not apply to all officials).

### **Obligations towards the Game**

*The team official should:*

- Set a positive example for others, particularly young players and supporters.
- Promote and develop his 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 Match Officials and others involved in the game.
- Always have regard for 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.

### **Obligations towards the Team**

*The team official should:*

- Make every effort to develop the sporting, technical and tactical levels of the club/team, and to obtain the best results for 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 for the interests of the players, coaches and officials, at their own club/team and others.

### **Obligations towards the Supporters**

*The team official should:*

- Show due respect for the interests of supporters.

### **Respect towards the Match Officials**

*A team official should:*

- Accept the decisions of the Match Official without protest.
- Avoid words or actions which may mislead a Match Official.
- Show due respect towards Match Officials.