

HEBDEN BRIDGE SAINTS

Code of Conduct

Parents / Spectators

Parents / Spectators have a great influence on children's enjoyment and success in football. All children play football because they first and foremost love the game – it's fun. It is important to remember that however good a child becomes at football within our club. Positive encouragement will contribute to:

- Children enjoying football.
- A sense of personal achievement.
- Self-esteem.
- Improving the child's skills and techniques.

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

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

Parents / spectators should

- Not coach the child during the game.
- Not shout and scream.
- 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.
- Applaud the opposition as well as your own team.

Players

Players are the most important people in the sport. Playing for the team, and for the team to win, is the most fundamental part of the game. But not winning at any cost fair Play and respect for all others in the game is fundamentally important.

Obligations towards the game

- Make every effort to develop their own sporting abilities, in terms of skill, technique, tactics and stamina.
- Give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during a game, even if the 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.
- Not use inappropriate language.

Obligations towards one's own team

- Make every effort consistent with Fair Play and the Laws of the Game to help his own team win.
- **Respect for the Laws of the Game and competition rules**
- Know and abide by the Laws, rules and spirit of the game, and the competition rules.
- Accept success and failure, victory and defeat, equally.
- Safeguard the physical fitness of opponents, avoid violence and rough play, and help injured opponents.
- Accept the decision of the Match Official without protest.
- Show due respect towards Match Officials.