

# Burley Trojans Juniors Football Club

## Codes Of Conduct

### Why Codes Of Conduct?

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.

### 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.**

This Code focuses on players involved in top-class football. Nevertheless, the key concepts in the Code are valid for players at all levels.

### Obligations towards the game

*A player should*

1. Make every effort to develop their own sporting abilities, in terms of skill, technique, tactics and stamina.
2. Give maximum effort and strive for the best possible performance during a game, even if their team is in a position where the desired result has already been achieved.
3. Set a positive example for others, particularly young players and supporters.
4. Avoid all forms of gamesmanship and time wasting.
5. 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.
6. Not use inappropriate language.

### Obligations towards one's own team

*A player should*

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

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

*A player should*

1. Know and abide by the Laws, rules and spirit of the game, and the competition rules.
2. Accept success and failure, victory and defeat, equally.
3. Resist any temptation to take banned substances or use banned techniques.

### Respect towards Opponents

*A player should*

1. Treat opponents with due respect at all times, irrespective of the result of the game.
2. Safeguard the physical fitness of opponents, avoid violence and rough play, and help injured opponents.

### Respect towards the Match Officials

*A player should*

1. Accept the decision of the Match Official without protest.
2. Avoid words or actions, which may mislead a Match Official.

3. Show due respect towards Match Officials.

### Respect towards Team Officials

*A player should*

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

### Obligations towards the Supporters

*A player should:*

1. Show due respect to the interests of supporters.

### 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 it is important to reinforce the message to parents / spectators that positive encouragement will contribute to:

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

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

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

Ensure that parents / spectators within Burley Trojans Juniors Football Club are always positive and encouraging towards all of the children not just their own.

Encourage parents / spectators to:

- Applaud the opposition as well as your own team.
- Avoid coaching the child during the game.
- Not to 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.

Ensure that parents / spectators within Burley Trojans Juniors Football Club agree and adhere to the club's Code of Conduct and Child Protection Policy.