

Code of Conduct for Parents/Spectators

Red Rovers Football Club prides itself on being a family club. It is fair to say that parents and 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 - its fun.

Children will play better and learn most efficiently in non-stressful environments. In a recent study into the attitudes of children, most indicated that not playing well and making a mistake were the major cause of anxiety. Many stated that their worries prevented them from playing their best and that anxiety might ultimately prevent them from playing in the future.

However good the child becomes at football, it is important to remember that positive encouragement from you will contribute to:

- Children enjoying football.
- A sense of personal achievement.
- Self-esteem.
- Improvement in skills & techniques.

Parents, guardian's or spectator's expectations and attitudes have a significant bearing on a child's attitude to:

- Other players
- Officials
- Managers
- Spectators

As a parent, guardian or spectator you should:

- Applaud the opposition as well as your own team.
- Avoid coaching the child during a game.
- Not shout and scream negative comments.
- Respect the referee's decision.
- Give attention to all of the children involved, not just the most talented.
- Encourage everyone to participate in football.
- Keep up with club payments and fees due – the club cannot operate without sufficient funding.
- Regularly check your email and club website for information and updates. This is especially important the evening before a match/activity.
- Check you know the details/arrangements. If you are unsure about specific information it is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to contact the appropriate club representative to obtain the information.
- Ensure your child arrives promptly at the scheduled meeting time and venue.
- Ensure players arrive with correct kit including shinguards, suitable footwear, correct clothing (and colours) and appropriate refreshment for the activity to be undertaken.