



# Stockport Vikings Junior Football Club

## Codes of Conduct 2011-12

These Codes of Conduct should be read in conjunction with the following Club policies, which are available from your Coach and on the Club website at [www.stockportvikings.com](http://www.stockportvikings.com):-

- Safeguarding policy
- Equality policy
- Anti-bullying policy
- Health and Safety policy
- Complaints and disciplinary policy.

The Club's Codes of Conduct will be distributed, discussed and agreed by coaches, parents and players at the beginning of each season.

All feedback and suggestions including potential amendments will be recorded by coaches and discussed in the close season at the monthly club meeting.

Failure to abide with the Codes of Conduct may lead to disciplinary action and, in extreme cases, expulsion from the Club.

### Club

To establish and promote Stockport Vikings Junior Football Club as a club which:-

1. Places the needs of children first, making a link between safeguarding and best practice;
2. Encourages all players, parents and carers to raise concerns and participate in club decision making;
3. Promotes an inclusive culture representing the local community and players of all abilities;
4. Promotes fairness and equality by challenging racism and all inequality
5. Promotes a club ethos amongst all year groups;
6. Develops rules, procedures and codes of conduct by agreement and publicises, promotes and enforces these;
7. Safeguards the assets of the club and establishes financial responsibility in all matters;
8. Keeps all members, coaches, parents, carers and players informed, updating the website and produces newsletters where necessary;
9. Acts within the guidelines of the Football Association.

### Web Abuse

Any Manager, Coach, Player or Parent found to be making derogatory comments about Match Officials, another Club's Managers, Coaches, Players or Parents on the Club's website or social networking websites, such as Facebook, will be immediately expelled from the Club.

### Players – Respect Code of Conduct

It is important everyone behaves themselves when playing football. As a player, you have a big part to play. That's why The FA is asking every player to follow a Respect Code of Conduct.

#### When playing football, I will:

- Always do my best, even if we're losing or the other team is stronger
- Play fairly – I won't cheat, complain or waste time
- Never be rude to my team-mates, the other team, the referee, spectators or my coach/team manager
- Do what the referee tells me
- Shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game
- Listen to my coach/team manager and respect what he/she says
- Talk to someone I trust, for example my parents or the club welfare officer if I'm unhappy about anything at my club.

**I understand that if I do not follow the code, action may be taken.**



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## Coaches – Respect Code of Conduct

**We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.**

In The FA's survey of over 37,000 grassroots participants, behaviour was the biggest concern in the game. This included both the abuse of match officials and the unacceptable behaviour by over competitive parents, spectators and coaches on the sidelines.

The FA's Respect programme is aimed at tackling unacceptable behaviour across the whole game. Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for coaches, team managers and club officials at all times.

### **I will:**

- Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators
- Adhere to the Laws of the Game
- Display and promote high standards of behaviour
- Always respect the match officials' decisions
- Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission
- Never engage in public criticism of the match officials
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.

### **When working with players, I will:**

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning
- Explain exactly what I expect of players and what they can expect from me
- Ensure the parents/carers of all players under the age of 18 understand these expectations
- Refrain from, and refuse to tolerate any form of bullying
- Develop mutual trust and respect with every player to build their self-esteem
- Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance
- Ensure all activities I organise are appropriate for the players' ability level, experience, age and maturity
- Co-operate fully with others in football (e.g. officials, doctors, physiotherapists, welfare officers) for each player's best interests

**I understand that breaches of the code may result in action being taken by my County FA and/or The FA.**

## Spectators – Respect Code of Conduct

**We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.**

This club is supporting The FA's Respect programme to ensure football can be enjoyed by everyone in a safe and positive environment. Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for spectators and parents/carers at all times.

### **I will:**

- Remain outside the field of play and behind the Designated Spectator Area (where provided)
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Always respect the match officials' decisions
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success

### **In addition, when attending youth games I will:**

- Remember that children play for FUN
- Let the coaches do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition and match officials
- Never criticise a player for making a mistake -mistakes are part of learning

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